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Militia in Lebanon Sets Free French Colonel in UN Unit

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METULLA, Israel — Militia men in south Lebanon holding 21 Finnish soldiers as hostages released a French officer they had also taken captive, a UN spokesman said Sunday.

The spokesman, Timor Göksel said that Colonel Jean-Michel Bléméjian had been held since Friday, but that the United Nations had only learned of his detention on Sunday. Colonel Bléméjian serves with the French unit of the UN forces in Lebanon.

The Finnish troops were taken hostage by members of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army in an effort to secure the release of 11 militiamen held by Shiite Moslem guerrillas. The commander of the South Lebanon Army, Brigadier General Antoine Lahad, said he had ordered his men to release the Frenchman.

The militia has freed four of the 25 Finns since the seizure of the troops on Friday. The commander of the 490-man Finnish battalion, Colonel Venni Hakala, was re-

leased Friday. UN sources said he had been beaten up.

Three enlisted men were freed Saturday night in what Brigadier General Lahad called a "goodwill gesture."

Mr. Göksel said that Colonel Bléméjian, the deputy chief of operations at the UN's military headquarters in the south Lebanon port of Naqura, was released in the village of Qantara, six miles (10 kilometers) north of Israel's border. Mr. Göksel said the officer was unharmed.

Brigadier General Lahad said in Metulla, an Israeli border town, that he saw "a sort of progress" in the negotiations to end the crisis. But UN sources said that the confrontation did not appear close to being resolved.

The general stressed that "this regrettable affair will not be over until our men are released." Leaders of the Shiite Amal militia holding the 11 South Lebanon Army men, all Shiites, have refused to let them go.



UN troops blocked access to Qantara, Lebanon, where two of 21 hostages were being held.

The soldiers of the 5,600-man UN Interim Force in Lebanon, known as UNIFIL, have been caught in the cross fire between the mainly Christian South Lebanon Army and the Amal militia trying to dislodge them from Israel's buffer zone in southern Lebanon.

Beirut newspapers speculated that the hostage seizure was engineered by Israel to pressure the 10-nation UN force to withdraw from southern Lebanon.

Israel has long insisted that the UN troops, which have patrolled

south Lebanon since 1978, have "outlived" their usefulness.

Because of the standoff, an Israeli military source said, military authorities restricted media access to south Lebanon and barred jour-

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Bad Dream at State Dept.: Agreement With the PLO

*By Bernard Gwertzman**New York Times Service*

WASHINGTON — A senior State Department official said recently that his "nightmare" was that the Palestine Liberation Organization would agree to all the conditions set by the United States for recognition by Washington, provoking a new crisis in American relations with Israel.

"What would happen then is that we'd have to do what we promised and talk to the PLO, and Israel would probably go off the reservation," the expert on Middle East affairs said.

"And instead of being able to concentrate on peace negotiations, we'd have to spend our time pacifying the Israelis. That's my personal nightmare."

So far, the PLO has not accepted unequivocally the U.S. conditions — recognition of Israel's right to exist and acceptance of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

Yasser Arafat, the PLO leader, said in an interview in The Wall Street Journal on Friday that he still was holding off on a public declaration. But he did not repudiate King Hussein of Jordan, who said publicly in Washington last week that the PLO had accepted the U.S. terms and was ready to name members of a joint delegation with Jordan to negotiate peace with Israel under the "umbrella" of an international conference.

Even though the PLO had not yet confirmed Hussein's statement, just the appearance of movement by the Arab side toward peace talks has led to criticism in Israel of the United States, with the attacks coming most sharply from

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the Likud bloc in the national unity government, led by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

The Israelis were upset because Secretary of State George P. Shultz called Hussein's visit an important step forward toward ending the Middle East diplomatic deadlock.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres, the Labor Party leader, has not closed the door on peace talks, because he may decide to force a new election on that question next year to forestall handing his job over to Mr. Shamir, as he is scheduled to do in October 1986. But for the moment, he has chosen to be much less supportive of the U.S. efforts than the Reagan administration would like.

In some of the harshest words against the United States in the past two years, many Israeli officials have accused the administration of being taken in by Hussein's words and of being too eager to deal with Palestinians in the Palestine National Council, which most Israelis regard as tantamount to talking to the PLO.

Since 1983, when Arab nations did not support the U.S.-negotiated accord between Lebanon and Israel, the Reagan administration had remained aloof from Middle East diplomacy, contending that it was up to Jordan and the PLO to agree to negotiate directly with Israel. That position fitted in well with Israel's desires.

Faced with an economic crisis at home and having to end the occupation of Lebanon, the Israeli leaders made it known they were not looking for the additional burden of negotiations on the future of the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza. Perhaps in 1986, Israeli officials said, but not now.

Any negotiations involving Jordan and Palestinians would inevitably force Israel to face up to such difficult political issues as the delineation of Israel's borders, the future of Israeli settlements in the West Bank, the status of Jerusalem and the kind of self-government that should be given Palestinians in the region.

On all these questions, Israel was sure to have significant differences with the United States.

For the moment, there is no agreement on the format for negotiations between Israel and the Jordan-Palestinian

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U.S. Calls Walker a New Breed of Spy

Money Motive, Nature of Damage Make Navy Case Unique

*By Joel Brinkley**New York Times Service*

WASHINGTON — In unraveling what may be the largest espionage ring in U.S. history, federal officials say they have discovered a new breed of spy.

Both the method of operation attributed to John A. Walker Jr. and the three men being held as his accomplices and the kind of damage they may have caused, officials say, make this purported spy ring unlike any other.

The FBI has charged in court documents and interviews that Mr. Walker, 47, recruited friends and relatives around the world and coached them on spying techniques. Then, like a businessman visiting branch offices, he flew around in his own small plane to collect the classified material and sell it to the Soviet Union.

But what concerns American officials most is how people holding relatively low positions in the U.S. Navy may have enabled Mr. Walker to break through the system that the United States uses to safeguard its most important secrets.

"You protect information by compartmentalizing," an intelligence source said. Details of criti-

cal national security matters are spread among several offices so that almost no one has access to all of it.

But the FBI charges that Mr. Walker and his accomplices managed to penetrate a variety of facilities.

The intelligence source said the navy affair had "the potential to be the most damaging case" since Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted in 1951 on charges of giving the Soviet Union plans for the atomic bomb.

Another troubling aspect of the Walker case, officials say, is that

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Russians Break Siege At Afghan Border Town

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — A Soviet armored column broke through the last guerrilla lines to relieve the besieged Afghan border town of Barikot after two weeks of fighting, rebel officials said.

They said that Soviet command-

ers were battling Afghan rebels on nearby mountaintops.

Barikot is at the head of the Kumar Valley and close to the border with Pakistan. Guerrillas have besieged the town for months at a time over the past four years and it has had to be resupplied by air for the past year.

A rebel official said Saturday that Soviet tanks and armored personnel carriers reached Barikot on Friday night. The armor, he reported, led the way for a force of about 10,000 Soviet troops that began an offensive three weeks ago to seize the Kumar and lift the siege at Barikot.

"But we are not finished," the rebel official said. "The mujahidin are still strong." The mujahidin are Moslem guerrillas.

Soviet troops entered Afghanistan at the end of 1979 and presided over the removal of one Marxist government and its replacement by another. The Kabul government now is supported by an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops. The rebels operate from bases in Pakistan, bringing arms and supplies across the border.

A guerrilla said, "It looks like a big victory for the Russians." Thousands of villagers were fleeing the valley, trying to get across the mountains into Pakistan, the guerrillas said.

Pakistan has complained that Afghan planes attacked the Pakistani village of Sveer across the border May 31, killing 12 persons and injuring 31.

Pakistan's president, General Mohammed Zia ul-Haq, toured Sveer on Saturday. He said Pakistan would not continue to endure attacks and violations by Afghan planes and would strike back, "whatever the consequences."

Gitta Stammer, who she barbecued Dr. Josef Mengele, outside her home near Sao Paulo after being questioned by police. Page 4.

PERSONAL INVESTING

Concern is emerging about the slowdown in the U.S. economy. A midyear review of the major stock markets. Page 7.



Bombs Explode Near Palace as Belaúnde Meets Alfonsín

A policeman stands in front of a car that exploded outside the presidential palace in Lima on Saturday night as President Raúl Alfonsín of Argentina and President Fernando Belaúnde Terry of Peru were meeting at the palace. Two persons were killed and 18 injured after terrorists set off two car bombs in the capital, cut off electricity to large parts of the nation and set fires at 10 shopping centers. The two dead apparently were killed by police. Police arrested more than 900 people. They blamed the violence on Shining Path, a Maoist group.

Dry Clubs Toast Teen-Age Sobriety in U.S.

*By Dirk Johnson**New York Times Service*

FAIRFIELD, Connecticut — Since it opened earlier this year, the "Let's Dance" discotheque has been packed on Friday and Saturday nights with hundreds of teen-agers dancing to rock music.

The discotheque, which does not serve any alcoholic drinks, will expand to a four-night schedule during the summer and plans to open two branches. Similar clubs have opened throughout the New York City region.

The success of the dry clubs, many educators and students said, is among several signs that alcohol and drug use are starting to decline among teen-agers. Just a few years ago, club owners said, teen-age discotheques would have flopped. Legal use of alcohol was the centerpiece of many social gatherings.

To be sure, teen continues to flow at some suburban house parties, and many teen-agers continue to find a way to get into adult nightclubs.

But at "Let's Dance" one recent night, the teen-agers seemed content with soft drinks. "It's a choice between dancing and drinking," said Nicole Paternoster, 17, of Fairfield. "I'd rather dance."

While drinking and drug use remain prevalent among some, abstinence has become an accepted, even esteemed, way of social life for teen-agers. Indeed, a youth temperance movement has emerged at high schools, led by student groups opposed to drunken driving.

"Ten years ago, a student couldn't get elected if he wasn't willing to have a beer," said David Delgado, an adult adviser to the National Association of Student Councils. "That's certainly changed."

Peer pressure has begun to cut both ways, he said. Heavy drinkers are viewed as dandies as much as dandies. "The nondrinkers have the upper hand now," he said.

A powerful desire for success among young people, together with a prevailing social conservatism, have made excessive drinking unfashionable, counselors say.

The turning point, Mr. Delgado and others said, came with the formation of groups such as Safe Rides and Students Against Drunk Driving, which are part of a national movement to persuade youths not to drink and drive.

Connecticut, joining several other states, voted last month to raise the legal drinking age from 20 to 21. Beyond safe driving, local student groups such as Growing Up Sob and Peers Reaching Out promote wholesome values generally.

At "Let's Dance," a disk jockey opens each night's entertainment by asking, "Are you having fun?" When the cheers die down, he adds, "See, you can have fun without drinking."

At one time, such encouragement might have drawn snickers. But inside the club, the teen-agers evidently did not equate partying with intoxication.

"When we went to the prom," said Kier

Stiziano, 27, a teacher at Bridgeport Central High School, "we thought it's funny to get drunk and act stupid. These kids just think it's stupid."

Miss Paternoster, who comes to the Fairfield club every weekend, said she found teen parties "pretty boring." Since the dance club opened, she said, the number of house parties has decreased.

"This is where everybody goes," she said, "even the ones who don't like to dance."

At "Let's Dance," young customers said they welcomed the strictly enforced dress code and presence of uniformed police. Both the club and parking lot are patrolled, and dress rules are detailed in a sign at the entrance. It states: "No leather jackets or vests, T-shirts, dirty or ragged jeans will be permitted. Only collared shirts will be allowed."

Most of the club's 600 or so customers on Friday and Saturday nights are 16 to 18 years of age.

When he opened the club, Ron DeMatteo, the co-owner, expected teen-agers to sneak alcohol onto the premises. So far, however, he said, the club has discovered only empty beer cans in a washroom.

"I've got to think that drinking is less important to kids now," he said. "There's nothing so awesome about this place. If kids wanted to drink, they wouldn't come here week after week."

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AMERICAN TOPICS

Past and Present
Clash in Houston

Four years ago Kathy Whitmire was elected mayor of Houston, defeating the incumbent, Louie Welch, who during his 10 years in office had been criticized for failing to provide adequately for the city's explosive growth — refusing to raise sewer fees, for example, leaving the sewer system woefully inadequate.

Mrs. Whitmire, 36, has been criticized, in turn, for failing to bring new businesses to the city at a time of economic retrenchment. She says she intends to run for a third two-year term in the November election. The New York Times reports that her announced opponent is Mr. Welch, 56, her predecessor, and head of the city's chamber of commerce.

Short Takes

A drive to ratify a constitutional amendment that would have given Washington, D.C., full congressional representation with two U.S. senators and one representative has failed. The seven-year deadline passed with only 16 of the necessary 38 states assenting. Now backers are pushing to make the District of Columbia the 51st state, to be called New Columbia. This requires only a simple majority vote of Congress. But it is subject to presidential veto, and President Ronald Reagan is against it.

The *Nauvoo* was launched in 1954 as the world's first nuclear-powered submarine. In 1958 it became the first vessel to sail beneath the Arctic ice cap over the North Pole. Decommissioned in 1980, it is en route under tow from Mare Island, California, to its final destination as a naval museum exhibit in Groton, Connecticut. It is to arrive July 6.

The state of "Massachusetts" no longer exists, according to Governor Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts. In fact, the governor boasts, the tax burden in the state has fallen below the national average. He said he plans to keep it that way with a temporary tax cut this year and opposition to what he considers excessive increases proposed for teachers' salaries and welfare payments.

Shorter Takes: Salt Lake City has joined the list of U.S. metropolitan areas with a population



The Associated Press
YOUNGEST ASTRONAUT — Tammy Jernigan, 26, met with reporters recently at Moffett Field in Mountain View, California, after she was named America's youngest astronaut. She is a graduate of Stanford University and currently is working on a doctorate in astrophysics at the University of California at Berkeley.

of more than 1 million, bringing the total to 37. . . . The home of Franklin D. Roosevelt at Hyde Park, New York, has been largely reopened to the public three years after a serious fire. Reconstruction cost \$2 million.

Notes About People

The United States, unlike Britain, has no official poet laureate, but each year a Poetry Consultant to the Library of Congress, who draws a \$35,000 stipend for helping the library, is named. The 1985-86 winner, designated by Daniel J. Boorstin, the librarian of Congress, is Gwendolyn Brooks, 67, of Chicago, most of whose verse concerns black urban life. She won a Pulitzer prize in 1949.

Shorter Takes: Salt Lake City has joined the list of U.S. metropolitan areas with a population

bit into a shrimp and chipped a tooth on a "brown, pebbly-like substance." Last year she sued Westin Hotels, owner of the restaurant, for \$10 million, and now has settled for \$50,000. Her attorney said the chipped tooth cost her a contract for a fashion appearance in Italy.

When You've Got It, Flaunt It

Michael S. Berman, a former aide to Walter F. Mondale, and his wife, Carol, have this message on their telephone recorder: "Hello, this is Carol. Michael and I are not able to answer your call right now because we are out social climbing. Please leave your name, phone number, time of call and credentials so we can decide whether to respond."

— Compiled by ARTHUR HIGBEE

Fight Debt First, Latin American Officials Tell U.S.

By John M. Goshko
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Many Latin American leaders and diplomats say they believe that the Reagan administration's preoccupation with El Salvador and Nicaragua could hinder the cause of democracy in the region's largest and richest countries.

These leaders say that current U.S. policy, focused on thwarting what the administration sees as the threat of Communist-backed subversion in Central America and the Caribbean, is a classic example of what one diplomat calls "the United States chasing the wrong bounding ball" in setting its Latin American priorities.

According to this view, the future political and economic direction of Latin America will be determined not in Central America but in large countries such as Argentina and Mexico — countries that have the size, resources and influence needed to make a major impact on the region, and perhaps ultimately to play an increasing role on the world stage.

That point is made insistently by a cross section of Latin American politicians, bureaucrats and diplomats. It is echoed in the United States by academic experts on Latin America and by representatives of U.S. banks and businesses whose interests depend increasingly on Latin America's economic health.

But before the larger countries can provide real leadership for an emerging Latin America, they must grapple with formidable domestic problems that threaten to overwhelm the fragile trend toward democracy in the region now.

Domestic problems differ from one country to another, but almost all are rooted in the region's staggering burden of debt. Last year Latin America was forced to export \$27.6 billion of its sparse financial resources in payments to foreign banks.

Governments facing debt see that problem as a far greater threat to inter-American and global security than leftist revolutionaries in Central America. Those who have pleaded for U.S. help, however, see the response as sparse, sporadic and overly reliant on the austerity policies of the International Monetary Fund.

The Latin Americans do credit Washington with reacting swiftly to financial emergencies in their countries. But Lucio García del Solar, the Argentine ambassador to the United States, warned that if the overall problem is not alleviated, presidents of the pivotal democratic countries "will be unable to counter the political consequences of debt."

"They will be vulnerable to surges of populism pushing them toward the extreme right or left."

Mr. García del Solar said, "In some countries, it could mean a return to military dictatorship."

Economic problems could encourage leftist terrorism and draw governments into the conflict between East and West, he added. In Andean countries such as Colombia, Peru and Bolivia, the ambassadors

say they believe that theory concludes a strong democratic Mexico or Venezuela would be much more effective than U.S.-backed military solutions or embargoes in overcoming the inequities that make Central America a target of subversion.

But those goals cannot be accomplished by countries whose economic houses are in disarray.

Even Mexico and Venezuela, cited by the United States as having made an effort to solve their financial problems, have debts of \$96 billion and \$35 billion. Many bankers doubt that the two nations will be able to maintain unpopular austerity programs.

Brazil, the world's largest debtor nation with a foreign debt of \$100 billion, and Argentina, whose debt is \$47 billion, face a constant threat of losing the IMF's financial help because domestic political pressures have forced them out of com-

pliance with the economic austerity programs to which they agreed.

Chile, where a tough military dictatorship is able to ignore public pressure, has taken the steps mandated by the IMF to overcome its debt of almost \$20 billion, but its economy continues to worsen because of depressed copper prices.

Peru, with a \$14-billion debt, faces such serious economic and political problems that bankers are beginning to question whether it can ever recover. Alan García Pérez, who is to take office as president of Peru on July 28, has threatened to bypass the IMF and seek joint action by the Latin American debtor countries to force a confrontation with their U.S. creditors.

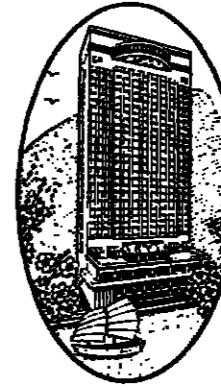
Latin American leaders are smirking over the fact that for the second year in a row, their plea for urgent attention to the debt crisis was ignored in economic summit

talks of the West's seven major industrial powers last month.

While comprehensive relief appears unlikely, the Latin Americans argue that it is vital that the United States help them with more limited steps. Those include greater access to the U.S. market for their exports; exploration of ways to subsidize the enormous interest on their debt; and efforts to persuade the World Bank to issue guarantees for borrowing from commercial banks, and to loan more money to countries seeking to make major changes in the structure of their economies.

"Otherwise," said Abraham F. Lowenthal, professor of international relations at the University of Southern California, "whatever his intentions and his efforts, Ronald Reagan could go down in history as the president who lost Latin America."

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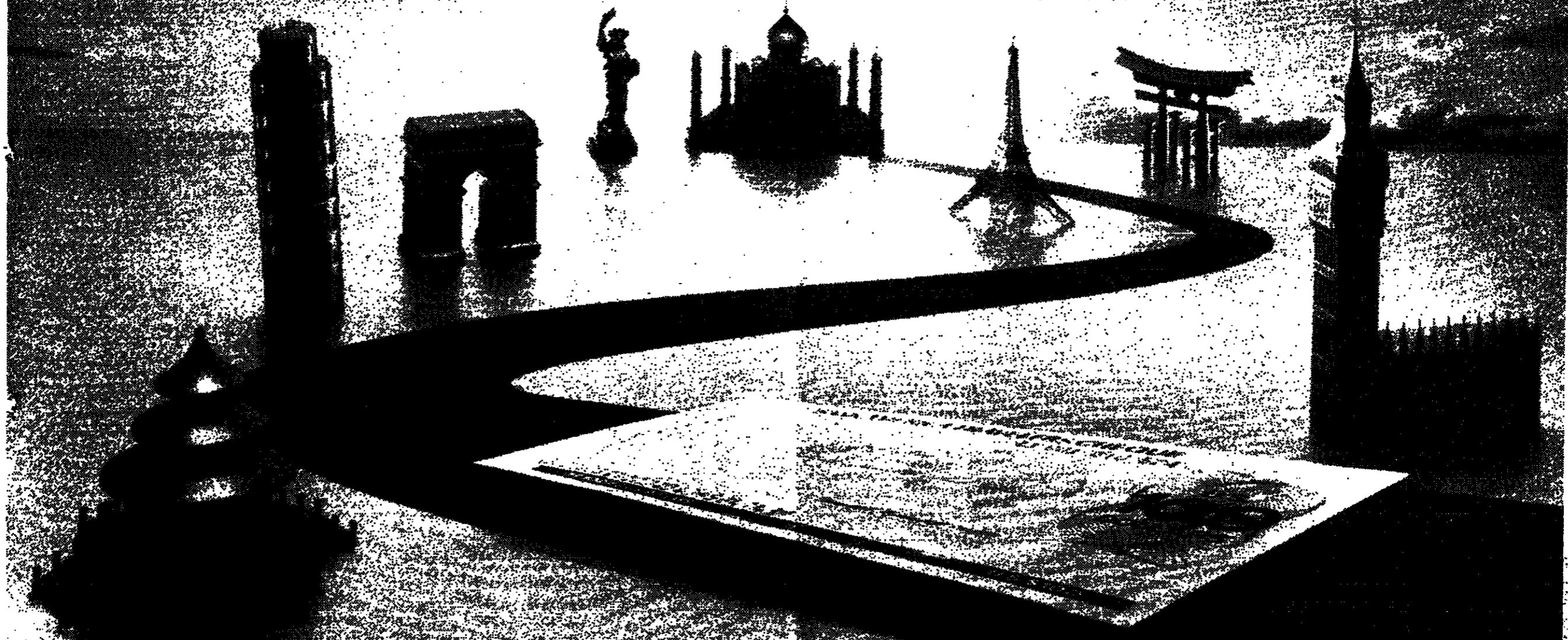
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Italian Vote Seen As Important Test

By E.J. Dionne Jr.
New York Times Service

ROME — By some accounts, it is little more than a trivial issue, involving the equivalent of 50 cents a day for the average worker.

But the referendum Sunday and Monday on Italy's system of wage indexing has become a major political test for the government and for the Communist opposition, led by Alessandro Natta, the party's secretary. Prime Minister Bettino Craxi went so far as to announce that he would resign in "one minute" if his side lost.

The fight is over the Craxi government's policy to cut back on automatic wage increases that Italian workers get under what is known as the *scala mobile*, or "moving staircase."

Voters are being asked to vote "yes" or "no" on a Communist proposal to restore four points cut from the scale by the Socialist-led and Christian Democratic-dominated government.

In effect, workers are being asked to vote themselves a pay raise, something the Communists once thought would be an offer the voters could not refuse. For the Communists, it is a matter of social justice and preventing the fight against inflation from being an excessive burden on the average worker.

For Mr. Craxi and his five-party coalition, however, a victory for the Communist proposal would overturn what they contend is a successful economic policy. Cutting back on the automatic wage increases has helped trim inflation to 9 per-

cent from 12 percent. In addition, foreign investment is up, and despite some recent pessimistic figures, Italy's economy has been growing at a relatively healthy rate over the past year.

The sums involved in the voting can look either trivial or large, depending on how they are calculated.

For the average Italian worker, the amount in question is about 27,000 lire (nearly \$14) a month. Enough to buy a cup of coffee a day, commented the Rome daily newspaper *Il Messaggero*.

But the General Confederation of Italian Industry, the employers' association known as Confindustria, contends that a vote to restore the amount would increase overall annual labor costs by about \$4 billion. The employers would like, if anything, to cut back even further on the wage escalator. Thus they helped scuttle a compromise that Gianni De Michelis, the minister of labor, tried to arrange to avoid the referendum entirely.

Like Mr. Craxi, Mr. De Michelis is a Socialist, and the fight over the Communists' proposal has become more of a political battle than an economic one.

Mr. Craxi's government will be in power two years in August, and he is one of Italy's longest-serving postwar prime ministers. His government straddles the center of the political spectrum, including the long-dominant Christian Democrats, the largest party in the coalition, his own Socialists, the Social Democrats, the Liberals and the Republicans.

Whether to continue to observe the terms of the second strategic arms limitation treaty, known as SALT-2.

The accord was never ratified by the United States, but both superpowers have agreed to observe its provisions as long as neither side violates them.

Mr. Reagan was to submit a report to Congress on Monday on the status of the unratified treaty.

Sources in the administration told The Washington Post on Friday that he would announce that the United States would continue to comply with the treaty while leaving the door open for "appropriate responses" to Soviet violations.

Leading officials within the Reagan administration have been split on the question of the treaty, with



Alessandro Natta

Agca's Antics: Pressure on Judge and Legal System

By Michael Dobbs
Washington Post Service

ROME — There were times Friday, during the most dramatic session yet in the two-week-old conspiracy trial in the 1981 attack on Pope John Paul II, when it seemed as if Mehmet Ali Agca, the pope's assailant, was playing with the judges like a cat with a mouse.

Tantalizing details about his past career as a terrorist were interlaced with seemingly insane rantings about being Jesus Christ and sweeping charges that his life was threatened by the Soviet and Bulgarian secret services.

Mr. Agca's erratic behavior has created enormous legal and moral problems for Judge Severino Santipichi, one of Italy's most respected judges, who is ultimately responsible for deciding whether there was a "Bulgarian connection" in the attack on the pope.

In effect, the Italian state's case against three accused Bulgarians rests on the pretrial testimony of a self-acknowledged perjurer who is now refusing to cooperate with the court.

Throughout the session, Mr. Agca refused to give any evidence about the three Bulgarian officials whom he has named as his accomplices in the plot to shoot the pope.

Apart from Mr. Agca, no witness has been found to confirm any of the numerous meetings that are alleged to have taken place in Italy and in Bulgaria between the Turkish gunman and the three Bulgarian officials on trial in Rome.

Nor has there been any trace of the \$1.2 million that Mr. Agca says he and his Turkish accomplices were paid by Bulgaria to kill the pope.

Among Judge Santipichi's con-

cerns are the damage that could be done to the reputation of the Italian justice system if the state's case collapses. The three-year investigation into Mr. Agca's claims of Soviet and bloc involvement attracted intense media attention around the

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world and, at one point, it appeared it would cause damage to the future of East-West relations.

Unease about the case surfaced in Italian press commentaries Saturday. A columnist for *La Stampa*, the respected Turin daily, described Mr. Agca as "a person without scruples" who was trying to "ridicule the justice system of our country in the eyes of the entire world."

In reply, Mr. Agca said he would have to consult his lawyer.

Complicating the judge's task is

that Mr. Agca is legally a co-defendant and not a witness. This status

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Americans and Apartheid

The urge to punish South Africa for apartheid is now palpable throughout the United States. Americans want to destroy this abhorrent structure of racism or disown its sponsors' claimed kinship with Western culture. Most Americans want to do business with South Africa only to the extent that this can undermine the Afrikaners' hateful doctrines.

It is the job of a president to give voice and shape to such a mood. President Reagan has failed to do so — whether or not he has been betrayed by the Afrikaners he tried to befriend. That makes it not only right but necessary for Congress to fill the void, as it is now doing with admirable discretion.

Two concerns have impeded America's assault on apartheid. One is that strong sanctions might hurt South Africa's blacks more than their oppressors. The other is the administration's view that sanctions would harden the white regime without really hurting it.

Yet the president's alternative of "constructive engagement" has come up empty. The Afrikaners' only concessions are attributable either to the threat of foreign sanctions or to internal economic necessity. And none of the concessions move nearer to granting the black majority a political voice.

As violence spreads, the administration has become the Afrikaners' apologist, exaggerating their concessions and minimizing their brutalities. American policy has not even ended South Africa's illegal occupation of Southwest Africa, or Namibia, which was to have been Mr. Reagan's diplomatic prize for relaxing the pressure imposed in the Carter years.

Americans have therefore been struggling, incoherently, to create their own diplomatics, mostly demanding that state and city governments, universities and pension funds sell off the stocks of companies operating in South Africa. But this has left America's largest corporations confused about the goal: Are they expected to work harder against apartheid in South Africa, as some have tried, or to abandon all profit from such an abhorrent system?

Local politicians and corporate directors are poorly placed to make this critical choice. Given the president's default, it is left to Congress to define a new national policy. The measures before it threaten a gradual withdrawal of business from South Africa, but they also set standards for relief and show due

regard for the welfare of South Africa's blacks.

The threat of disinvestment may be more potent than the fact. The 300 American companies in South Africa can perhaps advance the careers of their 70,000 black employees. And though blacks generally share inadequately in South African prosperity, economic growth tends to enlarge the whites' dependence on them. But if forced to leave, American companies would be mostly replaced by investors from other countries, who are likely to be indifferent to apartheid.

American disinvestment, in sum, would not greatly damage South Africa's economy. That insight gave rise in 1977 to the Sullivan principles, a code of obligations to blacks by which 200 American companies justify staying there. But even the Reverend Leon Sullivan, the code's author, now despairs of the pace of change. He favors a law to make the code mandatory, with a total embargo to follow in two years if apartheid still stands.

Progress is moving slowly in the same direction.

The House of Representatives has voted to ban new loans and new investments, but would let existing investments stand. It would also prohibit importing gold coins from South Africa and exporting computers to its government. It would delay these sanctions if specified apartheid measures were repealed. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee proposes enacting the Sullivan code plus lesser sanctions, combined with a warning of a ban on new investment in 18 months.

That such sanctions may not have great economic impact does not make them worthless. On the contrary, they would deliver psychological and moral blows against the Afrikaners without great damage to the economy on which blacks, too, depend. As the Afrikaners show with their energetic lobbying against sanctions, what they dread most is ostracism from the community of Western nations.

The indicated House-Senate compromise on sanctions would serve notice that Americans no longer accept the apologetics and pieties called "constructive engagement." If South Africa's rulers want to regain their standing in the culture led by Americans, they will heed this plea for gradual but real progress. If such earnest yet modest pressure fails to move them, the chances are that nothing ever will.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Keeping a Nation's Secrets

Before World War II, the great object of espionage was war plans: to find out whether or how a prospective enemy intended to attack. During the war, the focus necessarily shifted to codes and orders of battle, matters that could affect the course of the struggle. After the war, the urgency of the question of nuclear war or blackmail produced a new priority: the secrets related to the making and deploying of nuclear weapons. The backwardness of Soviet science gave the Kremlin an extra incentive to pursue this mission, even as the openness of American society gave it an extra opportunity. In fact, the Soviet effort to steal nuclear secrets began when the two countries were wartime allies. The Walker case is the latest evident sign of it.

The nagging question remains: how to keep the secrets. There can be no single set of answers. The beginning of one set, however, is to recognize with whom the United States is dealing: not with highly educated, politicized elite figures of the sort familiar from British fiction and reality, and not with professional master spies of the Rudolph Abel mold, but with, essentially, ordinary servicemen and national security workers. High-technology defense creates a requirement for large numbers of them to write the programs, keep the logs, change the codes. There may be no better way

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Opinion

Pressuring the Sandinists

Many Americans who once doubted the prudence of military aid to the democratic resistance in Nicaragua have since been disgusted by the policies of the Sandinists.

That tide of opinion turned on the Sandinists because they rejected a reasonable offer to talk. Their refusal reinforces the theory that only pressure has led to changes in the policies of the Sandinists. They could, of course, prove that theory wrong and initiate talks without seeming to be forced into them. That is what many would have them do. However, this stalemate is no excuse for avoiding the challenge of making peace. President Reagan has accepted the challenge. He has asked Congress to give him the flexibility that can lead to a negotiated peace in Nicaragua. As he has said:

FROM OUR JUNE 10 PAGES, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1910: Is Diaz Buying U.S. Influence? WASHINGTON — Appearing before a committee of the House of Representatives are two authors of works on Mexico who have brought serious charges against President Porfirio Diaz and a number of American concessionaires. Mr. J. K. Turner charges President Diaz with giving numerous concessions in Mexico to the value of \$900,000,000 to American financiers in return for their influence at Washington for the purpose of keeping him in power. Señor Guíñez de Lara, a Mexican author, supports this. The two authors declare that they have proof that President Diaz has greatly abused his position by persecuting his political enemies. The House committee is considering the creation of a committee to probe the scandal.

1935: Greek Voters Snub Royalists

ATHENS — First returns in the elections in Greece [on June 6] for the choice of members of the National Assembly to revise the Constitution indicate that the Royalists have sustained a serious check. The vote in Athens and other cities indicates that abstentions were numerous and this, with the poor showing of the list headed by General John Metaxas, partisans of a restoration, is taken to indicate that Greek opinion is much divided on the question of a change of régime. With the Republican parties abstaining, the struggle was between the Popular Party, led by Premier Panayotis Tsaldaris and General George Kondylis, the war minister, on the one hand, and the Royalist Union of Metaxas, on the other.

Nicaragua 'Backs Into' Its Neighbors

By Richard Cohen

WASHINGTON — In the old joke, a Catholic priest is driving along when he smashes into the car in front of him. A stereotypical Irish cop comes along, looks at the damage and says to the priest, "Father, how fast was he going when he backed into you?"

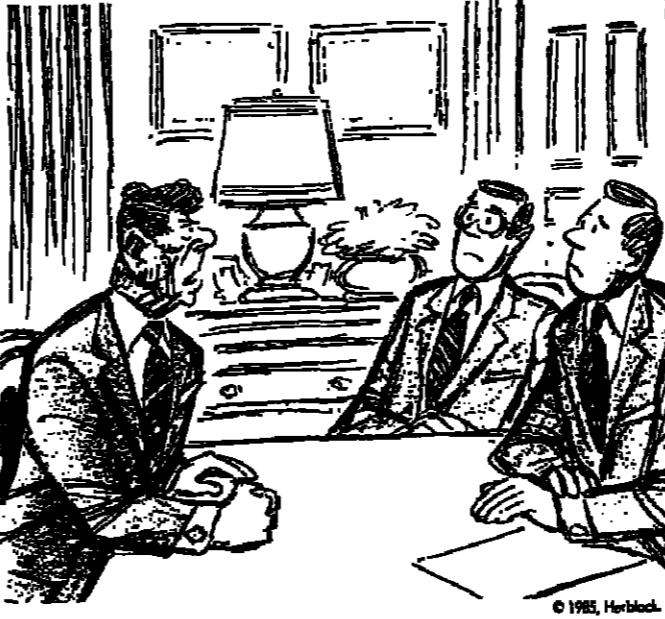
From the White House comes a bellicose condemnation of Nicaragua for what amounts to "backing into" both Honduras and Costa Rica. Larry Speakes, his master's voice, went into his moral outrage mode after Sandinist troops reportedly crossed into both countries.

"The United States," he said, "strongly condemns these actions and calls upon the government of Nicaragua to halt immediately any further action against its neighbors."

Mr. Speakes did not mention that for some years Honduras has been used as a staging area for the "contras," who have repeatedly entered Nicaragua, killed troops and civilians, blown up installations and created as much mayhem as possible — and then retreated to their haven in Honduras. It was only a matter of time until the Nicaraguans would go into Honduras. This is what former Secretary of State Alexander Haig used to call "going to the source."

Costa Rica, too, has sheltered Sandinist rebels. The country has been used as the prime base for guerrillas under Eden Pastora, the former Commander Zero, whose ties to the CIA are more tenuous than those of the Honduras-based contras. What is not clear is whether the government of Costa Rica, a democracy with no regular army, can control guerrillas operating within its borders.

In legal terms, what is going on is entrapment. The Reagan administration supports contras who use Costa



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I want more democracy in Nicaragua and I don't want the opinions of those darn representatives in Congress.

Rica and Honduras to stage raids into Nicaragua, and then it cries foul when the Sandinists give chase. This is precisely what the United States did when Mexicans such as Pancho Villa had the effrontery to raid Texas border settlements. President Woodrow Wilson sent General John Pershing into Mexico.

Nicaragua's Sandinist leadership seems convinced that there is nothing it can do short of suicide to please the Reagan administration and so it ought to just do what it wants to protect its own country. It seems equally convinced that the United States with its own troops will someday invade Nicaragua. A Reagan administration military buildup in Central America — seven airfields in Honduras alone — has left the United States as ready as it will ever be to launch an invasion and, within certain limits, to ensure its success.

The Sandinist reading of the situation may or may not be accurate. In Washington no one seems sure. House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill is

on record as saying that Ronald Reagan is determined to invade. Others say Mr. Reagan is playing a huge bluff, that he is making the Sandinists nervous, increasing pressure on them, causing internal discontent and — atypically for a U.S. president — taking the long view and playing things out slowly. In time, with a little help from its enemies, the Sandinists regime will collapse.

Maybe. But history teaches that events have a way of getting out of control. If so, the Washington debate about the president's intentions may be moot. Already the United States has reaffirmed its Rio Pact commitment to Honduras and assured that the country would be defended by the United States if attacked. Washington has so rattled the cage of the Sandinist leaders that they may conclude that if they are going to go eventually, they might as well go on their own terms. To exude a word from a previous era, things have a tendency to "escalate."

Washington Post Writers Group.

Aid to the 'Contras': A CIA War Will Fail

By McGeorge Bundy

NEW YORK — President Reagan has won the Senate's support for a renewal of "nonmilitary aid" through the Central Intelligence Agency, to the Nicaraguan "contras." No one should be deceived by the word "nonmilitary." If the House should agree, this money will be used to pay for everything short of weapons and bullets, and the rest of the needed funds will be sought in other places it would be embarrassing to explore. The Senate has voted for continued war by the CIA against the Nicaraguan government. The House should reverse this vote, on the simple and fundamental ground that this "covert" operation will not work.

Characteristically, moreover, revolutionary governments under this kind of attack give the highest priority to defeating it. The existence of the anti-government forces becomes a powerful incentive to increased militarization and domestic repression. My judgment about the contras is entirely independent of any certain conclusion about whether the Nicaraguan regime is irrevocably committed to the establishment of a totalitarian Marxist-Leninist regime and the export of violent revolution. What I do know is that covert action, without more, makes the worst regime more, not less, likely. The very existence of the contras plays in the hands of the hardest of the hardliners in a government about which we have good reason to be wary.

There is one other lesson from history. Repeatedly, covert operations have been the consequence of a belief that no better instrument is available. This way of thinking is deeply wrong. Let us consider the two basic possibilities for the Nicaraguan government. It may well persist in an increasingly Marxist-Leninist course, with increasing reliance on Soviet and Cuban aid and an increasing commitment to the export of violent revolution. If that is the chosen course, the United States will have a deep national interest in taking fully effective means to reverse it.

In my view, the most effective means, for the Caribbean area, was defined by the U.S. experience in the Cuban missile crisis. It is U.S. control of the seas that can defeat and reverse any such Nicaraguan choice. What Americans would require for the use of their sea power is regional support, which would in turn require a clarity of expression and purpose we have not had from this administration. President Reagan seeks to frighten Americans with the specter of 100 million enslaved by Moscow and of refugees assaulting the nation's borders by the tens of millions. If the situation were that dangerous, surely we would be more likely to prevent it with naval forces than with a group of fighters open to purchase by the CIA.

Now consider the other possibility, that there is no inevitability in the future course of the Nicaraguan government, that it may come to accept pluralism in its own country and respect the rights of its neighbors, that it can back away from the slippery slope of increasing dependence on Havana and Moscow. Let us suppose also that Nicaragua's neighbors, in the region and the Contadora group, can exert their own substantial influence in this direction. Is there not advantage in leaving this road open rather than building roadblocks?

I do not have a crystal ball to tell me which way the Sandinists will move. We must be prepared to make continuing judgments on their course, and we will be helped if we use diplomacy much more seriously.

This covert enterprise, by itself, is doomed to failure. It will not bring the Sandinists to President Reagan's feet. It will confirm and not undermine their Marxist-Leninist leanings. It will not fulfill the hopes of the democrats among the contras. It will shed blood on all sides, and it will intensify polarization among Nicaraguans. It will discredit the American government among its friends. It will make constructive change in Nicaragua less likely, and regional support for any necessary stronger course harder to obtain. It will do great harm, and it simply will not work.

The writer, a professor of history at New York University, served as national security adviser to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. He contributed this view to *The New York Times*.

LETTER

On Rating Airlines

We read with interest your mention of some results of our membership survey in your Special Report on Aviation (May 31), which included lists of preferred and avoided airlines. Unfortunately, the results quoted were taken out of context. The survey, conducted among 100,000 worldwide members of the International Airline Passengers Association, among both Palestinians and Israelis there is deep division between those who think political negotiation can gain national objectives and those who believe force is the only way.

The division of the hard men and those prepared to talk and live with Israel is obvious. There is sharp division in Israel, too — and Israel has the presence and the power to determine whether negotiations ever start.

Mr. Sharon made the issues clear in a comment on the Hussein plan. It was unacceptable, he said, because Israel would not exchange occupied territory for peace. That is basically the view of the Likud, the rightist partner in the national unity government. It is difficult to see how substantive negotiations can occur while the Likud is part of the government. It is understandable that possession and power should seem the only way after all the bitter years of conflict. But Lebanon teaches that force can be a delusion: that both Israelis and Palestinians may find greater security if they can ever talk.

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Mixed Signs for an Improvement of U.S.-Indian Ties

By Narendra Singh

L AUSANNE, Switzerland — When Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru first visited Washington in 1949, great expectations were raised in American economic and political circles for close ties. Had not Roosevelt urged Churchill to accept Indian demands for freedom? When Mr. Nehru reacted rather coolly, the Truman administration's attitude toward India stiffened. Hopes were raised when John F. Kennedy invited Mr. Nehru. Disappointment and a certain estrangement followed their 1961 summit.

But Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's meetings with Richard Nixon and later Ronald Reagan raised few expectations, and some good can be said to have come from them. Henry Kissinger has recorded how disagreeable Mr. Nixon found her. He also recorded his impression that the lady was not one to be browbeaten by the Russians.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi represents a different generation of Indians. They are more confident and more pragmatic. They have been trying to breathe fresh air into the Indian political scene. Change has also come in Washington: A lot of water has flowed down the Potomac since the Kennedy years.

Here are some points that seem to me to favor improved U.S.-Indian relations today — and other points that suggest less well.

• India is now less dependent on U.S. economic aid and totally independent of food aid. Complexes generated by the donor-recipient relationship are less evident.

• There is now less suspicion in the United States that India's economic policy could one day take that large country into the Communist camp. The shift since the 1970s in Indian economic thinking — toward greater participation of the private sector and more liberalism — is gaining momentum under the new government and may become irreversible. Leaders and administrators who came under the spell of Fabianism in the 1920s and '30s have well nigh disappeared. The deepening of the democratic process has increased the influence of the masses

on policy. Voters want results tomorrow, not at some distant date set by ideologies.

• There is perhaps less touchiness on the Indian side in dealing with the Americans. This has come with the disappearance of Indian leaders and administrators educated in Britain before the war. Those Indians had imbibed the fashionable English prejudices of the time against the Americans, without understanding that these stemmed partly from jealousy.

• With the breakup of Bangladesh from Pakistan, the latter became too small to be equated with India. An American effort to balance

tensions in carrying out any major shifts because these must be based on a wide consensus. American businessmen may be disappointed to find that India is unwilling to open the door to foreign goods and capital, except in areas of high technology and export-oriented industries.

• If Mr. Gandhi is entirely to be judged by the amount of pressure he is willing to apply on the Soviet Union over Afghanistan, Indian opinion is bound to feel that President Reagan is not so much interested in bilateral accommodation as in playing the global game. People in India ask why those desiring shifts do not first work to improve India's security environment, which a fair Chinese-Indian border agreement would certainly promote. A stringent U.S. policy to isolate the Soviet Union would pose continuing problems for U.S.-Indian relations.

• Then there is danger from renewed U.S. entanglement with Pakistan. The supply of long-range sophisticated aircraft and radar systems to Pakistan, at a time when it is thought to be making every effort to produce a nuclear bomb, causes suspicion of U.S. policy. Indians are unable to accept the argument that these arms are nothing but morale boosters or payoffs for a Pakistani regime willing to lend a hand in the Afghanistan imbroglio. President Mohammed Zia ul-Haq is not going to drop bombs on Kabul or Moscow, people in Indian say.

So the United States may prefer to play a waiting game before deciding truly to cooperate with the new Indian prime minister.

After Mr. Gandhi became prime minister last year, an East European diplomat remarked that it is a curious world in which large countries are ruled by former actors and airline pilots. But that is what democracy is all about. And the two leaders who will face each other this week both have the strength of immense mandates.

The writer, a former Indian ambassador to France who retired recently, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

In Lebanon, Might Was Neither Right Nor Smart

By Anthony Lewis

NEW YORK — Three years after Israeli forces entered Lebanon, all but the willfully blind know that the war exacted a terrible price from both invaders and invaded. Lebanon paid in destruction, death, intensified communal chaos, Israel paid in heavy military casualties, economic drain, loss of national confidence.

But there is a larger political point to be made about the invasion. It represented an extreme application of the view that military force can impose lasting political solutions in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. And there one can see important lessons for the current effort to revive the Middle East peace process.

The Israeli invasion was the second attempt to use Lebanon as a military

fulcrum for political ends in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The first was made by the Palestine Liberation Organization, with its buildup of weapons and men in southern Lebanon up to the 1982 Israeli invasion.

The PLO buildup never seemed to make sense. If the aim was a capability to engage Israel's forces frontally, it was a delusion. Alternatively, an occasional rocket fire over the border could cause stress in Galilee; but if pursued, that tactic would inevitably bring crushing Israeli retaliation.

The emphasis on military buildup kept attention from what should have mattered to the PLO: politics. The inescapable fact for Palestinian real-

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PERSONAL INVESTING

INVESTOR'S Notebook

London's Junior Market

London's Unlisted Securities Market is continuing its healthy growth, with more than 35 new issues since the first of the year. That brings the number of small companies registered on the junior exchange to more than 280.

There have been some disappointing showings, however, especially among a spate of entries in the food sector. Investors, jolted by a slump among USM technology issues, turned to the food-related sector as "new and emerging," explained Marian MacBryde of Hoare Govett. Then, "quite a number of poor results from the food companies" dampened the enthusiasm, she said.

But new issues by consulting, public-relations and sales-promotion firms remain a bright spot, she reported. Holmes & Merchant, a graphic design and sales-promotion company, was well received when it came to the market a few weeks ago. It is currently trading at about 28 (35 cents) pence a share, indicating a price/earnings multiple of 21. Another entry was Moorgate, a financial public-relations firm. The star of the sector remains Valin Pollex, an advertising and public-relations company that is trading at about 40 pence a share.

The Maple Leaf Boom

The U.S. House vote last week favoring sanctions against South Africa has accelerated the movement of gold coin investors into the Canadian Maple Leaf at the expense of the South African Krugerrand. Alan Posnick of Manfra, Tordella and Brookes, a New York precious-metals dealer, said "people are obviously showing a growing concern that [an import] ban is coming closer to reality."

Usually, the Canadian and South African coins sell at about the same premium over spot gold prices. But after the House vote, the Maple Leaf was selling at about a 3-percent premium versus a 2.5-percent premium for the Krugerrand. Mr. Posnick said. There has also been "much more swapping" of Krugerrands for Maple Leafs, he said.

Krugerrands used to outsell Maple Leafs by more than two to one in the New York market. Mr. Posnick says sales of Maple Leafs and Krugerrands were about equal in the first four or five months of the year.

On Money and Morals

The renewed protest about investment in South Africa has also focused attention on "moral" mutual funds. These are U.S. funds that examine a company's sense of social responsibility as well as its bottom line before making an investment in its stock. Managers of the more traditional funds have long viewed their high-minded colleagues with some skepticism. But a look at the recent performance of some of the moral funds raises questions about whether such an investment strategy is necessarily harmful to returns.

The Calvert Social Investment Fund of Bethesda, Maryland, has been one of top moral fund performers this year. Founded two years ago, Calvert is a managed growth fund and money-market fund with combined assets of \$63 million. In the five-month period ended May 23, the fund generated a return of 14.6 percent, according to Lipper Analytical Securities. This is almost two percentage points ahead of the Standard and Poor's 500 average.

Grace Parker, an assistant vice president at Calvert, said the fund is opposed to apartheid and will not invest in companies that do business with South Africa. The fund also shuns arms makers, companies that do not follow fair labor practices and even U.S. Treasury bonds. Treasury bonds, explained Miss Parker, support military spending.

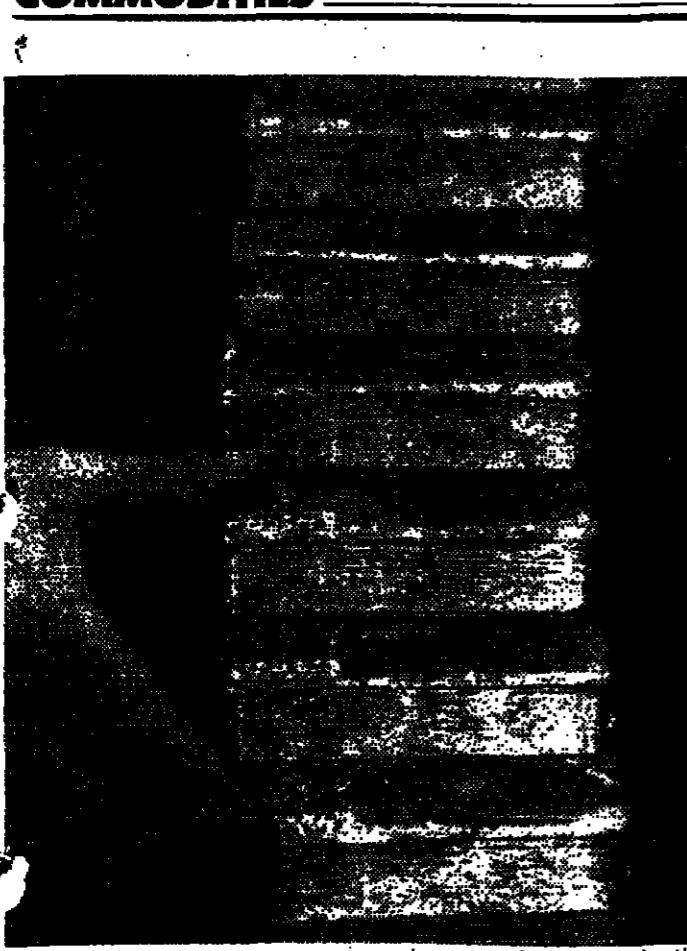
The Merc Branches Out

Two U.S. exchanges are closer to offering futures contracts on Canadian and Japanese stock indexes. Three weeks ago, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange agreed with Nikou Keizai Shimbun to market the Japanese newspaper's Nikkei composite average of 225 stocks traded on the Tokyo Stock Exchange and the broader Nikkei 500 index. Under a two-year licensing accord, the Merc can market the contract in North America and Asia, excluding Japan.

William J. Brodsky, president of the Merc, said the contract would initially be offered on the Singapore International Monetary Exchange because of the time-zone difference. But Mr. Brodsky hopes that Nikkei averages will eventually be offered in Chicago as part of the Merc's futures-trading link with Singapore.

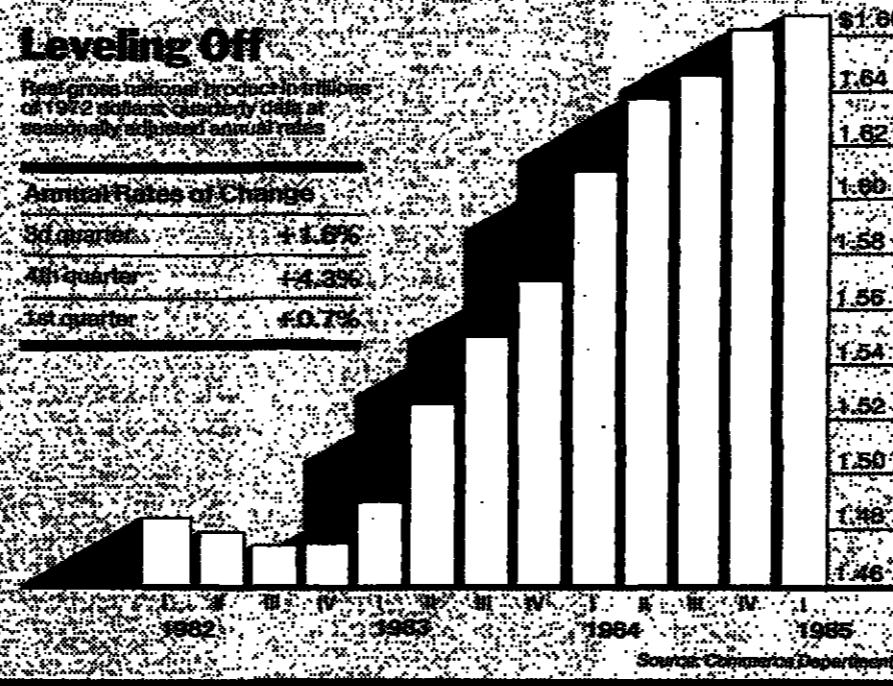
The Chicago Board of Trade, meanwhile, said it would seek approval from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to trade a futures contract tied to the Montreal Exchange's Canadian market portfolio index. The CBOT wants to begin trading the index of 25 of Canada's biggest companies next year.

COMMODITIES



Stacking bullion at an Engelhard Metals refinery.

Gauging the Impact of Slower U.S. Growth



SOONER had investors learned to live with the nagging problems of the dollar's strength and stubbornly high interest rates than another troubling development appeared on the horizon: the waning strength of the economic upturn.

In interviews conducted by the International Herald Tribune with more than 30 portfolio strategists and economists in the major financial centers, a clear picture of concern emerges about the slowdown in the U.S. economy and the ramifications for Europe and Asia.

This may be the single most important issue for investors in the second half of the year. Many analysts have been taking a second look at individual markets, sometimes redefining prospects in the light of slower economic growth, as well as domestic influences.

Such worries are not new. Debate about the durability of U.S. economic growth has been heard since the recovery got under way in earnest in 1983. But the anemic growth recorded in the United States in the first quarter of this year has heightened concern. Late last month, the Reagan administration said the economy grew at a 0.7 percent annual rate in the first three months of the year, about half the initial estimate. Although Washington is sticking to its projections of 4-percent growth in 1985, the realization that rallies in Tokyo and to some degree in Europe have been tied to export growth has money managers fretting over the vitality of the U.S. economy.

Many U.S. analysts dismiss the current sluggish economic climate as a temporary setback. Michael Sherman, chief portfolio strategist at Shearson Lehman Brothers in New York, argues that the world economy is still building up momentum for what will be an unusually long recovery. "I've taken the attitude that this cycle we're in is not a normal cycle," he said. "When you look around the world for signs of growth, there just aren't a lot of examples. Europe is in stagnation. There is just not a whole lot of thrust around. We're in the early stages of a long cycle."

Last month's decision by the Federal Reserve to cut the discount rate by half a percentage point to 7½ percent is seen by most observers as a commitment to sustain economic growth at a slower, but acceptable, pace through the end of the year. Many experts expect the growth rate to average from 2 percent to 3 percent in the second half.

Already speculation is building about another slight reduction in interest rates. "I see another cut in the discount rate in the next month, or month and a half, before the end of the summer," said George Collins, director of fixed-income research at T. Rowe Price, a mutual fund group. "The economy will pick up."

While concern over the dollar and interest rates remain, it no longer appears as a dominant theme in investment circles. Most analysts do not foresee any major drop in U.S. or European interest rates

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TOKYO:

Spreading doubt about the outlook for exporters

When Minoru Miura talks of Tokyo's two-tier stock market, he is not alluding to the traditional segregation of big and small companies on the stock exchange. Instead, the senior research analyst at Nikko Securities is referring to the market's new fascination for domestic issues and its decidedly bearish view of blue-chip exporters.

In many ways, Mr. Miura's view reflects a new reality in the Tokyo market, which has enjoyed nearly uninterrupted gains since 1974, thanks largely to Japan's export might. The prospects of slower growth in the United States and a worrisome trade conflict with Washington, analysts say, could mean a decline in the volume of sales to American consumers.

Now, instead of Toyotas, Sony televisions and high-technology gadgets, Japanese analysts are looking to other symbols to portray the investment theme through the end of the year. Usually they are found in the less glamorous world of clothing stores, construction companies and fast-food chains.

Market analysts are betting on strong domestic demand and are looking for consumer-related stocks that can benefit. Even the banking sector, a strong area in the past 12 months, is not expected to do as well. This greatly limits the choice of sectors with significant upside potential.

"Basically, you can write off 50 percent of the market," said Nobumitsu Kagami, who heads No-

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NEW YORK:

Faith in upturn remains strong

The crisis over savings and loan institutions in Ohio and Maryland had just abated and the nation's economy was showing signs of fatigue, but the Dow Jones industrial index quietly stepped across a record 1,300 mark last month, and it shows few signs of giving up any ground.

While it is true that Wall Street has made a habit of looking for silver linings in economic clouds, the latest market confidence reflects the belief that business activity will pick up in the next half and the reality that stocks and bonds offer the best returns in a low-inflation environment.

Few analysts expect U.S. stocks to duplicate the bullish run of 1983 or even to keep up the pace so far this year. Instead, most market watchers expect steady, if unspectacular gains through the rest of the year, with a handful seeing the Dow at 1,400 by the end of the year. "We've had pretty good times in the first six months, I would be very surprised to match it," said David Testa, who manages T. Rowe Price's Growth Fund.

The view among analysts in the United States is that the economic slowdown is cause for concern, not panic. Most expect activity to remain slow in the current quarter but have a more optimistic growth scenario for the second half. Their confidence stems from a widely held view that the Federal Reserve has finally overcome its lingering misgivings about inflation and displayed willingness to accommodate the economic upturn through lower interest rates.

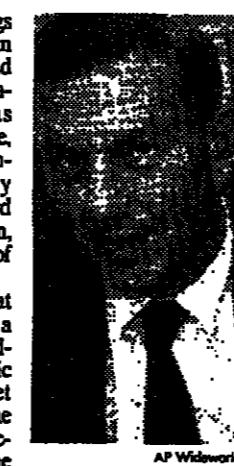
Indeed, the gradual reduction in interest rates and expectations of further declines are behind the New York Stock Exchange's recent good fortunes. Few on Wall Street talk of a steep drop in rates. Instead, most analysts anticipate a slow descent, just enough to nurture the lagging expansion. Even the nervous talk of the bulging federal deficit and its impact on rates, which was a common theme in 1984, have waned as the Reagan administration and Congress work toward a compromise.

"There's a lot of pressure on the Fed to bring rates down," said Michael Sherman, chief portfolio

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LONDON:

Crucial factors: new issues and weak oil prices



Robert Salomon Jr.

Global attention focused last week on the vote by the London Stock Exchange to begin deregulating trading next year, but a more immediate concern to many analysts was whether the British market's recent strength can be sustained through the end of the year.

Few expect a major fall in share prices, but a number of analysts think that the market may not have much more room for growth, especially in view of falling oil prices and the weight of new issues envisioned under the Thatcher government's privatization proposals.

Many stock pickers have decided on an approach that emphasizes domestic-oriented issues. These are the least likely to be hurt by the strengthening pound and could benefit from improving economic conditions.

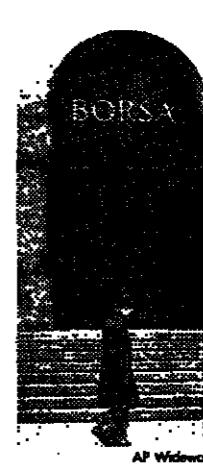
Kenneth Ingles, head of equity research at Phillips & Drew, admits the outlook for stocks is "a bit tricky," especially with the manufacturing sector squeezed by the combined impact of sterling's gains on the dollar and high interest rates. However, he points to a "high-dividend culture" now being established in Britain that could help the market. With dividends growing on average by 2 percent to 3 percent in real terms, he says, investors are likely continue to buy equities.

His choices include Habitat, Mothercare, Grand

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EUROPE:

The funds flock to Milan market



Milan exchange

Frankfurt may boast of record heights and Zurich of its stability. But in the minds of many stock analysts, the big attraction in Europe in the second half may have a surprisingly Italian flavor.

Money managers around the globe are pouring funds into the tiny Milan bourse, where a reputation for insider trading and an erratic economy have traditionally gone hand in hand.

Although there are signs of reform, the new fascination with Italian stocks has less to do with a change in long-term fundamentals than with short-term structural changes.

Last year, the government sanctioned the first domestic mutual funds, and Italian investors have been quick to jump in.

More than 20 funds now exist, and their big investments in equities have propelled the Milan market to record levels.

To avoid pushing share prices too far too fast, the funds slowed equity purchases in the spring, but the buying is expected to continue through the

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Gold: Talk of Range, Not Rally

By Bruce Hager

INVESTORS frustrated by the recent sluggishness in the gold market will take heart from Charles Stahl. The publisher of Green's Commodity Market Comments has been following precious metals and currency markets for more than 40 years, and he firmly believes a bull market is already in the works.

The reason is cyclical factors. "Normally, there's no exact timing in gold," said Mr. Stahl, who tracks the markets from Princeton, New Jersey. "But then, normally, bull markets should last longer than bears." The last bull market ran from 1976 to 1980, and the current bear market is well into its fifth year. What that means, Mr. Stahl says, is that investors should be prepared for a gold trading range of \$350 to \$380, sparked by a weaker dollar and higher inflation over the next six months.

A change would be welcome. Precious metals have been at a static stage since a brief March rally boosted gold prices to almost \$350 on the back of a weakening dollar and the news that Ohio savings and loan institutions were on the brink of collapse. Gold has since retreated to the \$300-\$320 range, while silver has sunk to around \$6 an ounce. Platinum has risen slightly to \$265.

The main reasons for the price weakness, according to Mr. Stahl and other metal analysts, are the relative health of the U.S. economy and the strength of the dollar. Both are key factors in any investor's decision to buy or sell gold versus securities over a given period, coupled with the current rate of inflation and interest rates. But with inflation in

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before the year's end. Those in the United States think interest rates will continue the gradual descent that began last year, with the yield on long-term bonds dipping below 10 percent from the current 10½ percent.

Consequently, the likelihood of a dramatic fall in the dollar appears slim. Currency experts see it trading in a narrow range of 2.90 to 3.10 Deutsche marks. Masahiro Yamada, who manages international investments for Nippon Life Insurance, Japan's biggest corporation, sees a gradual depreciation, with European currencies benefiting in the short term. But he sees no reason to lower his exposure to the dollar. "The emphasis is still on U.S. dollar investments," he said.

With little headway expected against high real interest rates and with inflation rates at relatively low levels, a number of global money managers have been enlarging their portfolios of fixed-income instruments, especially in light of the fact that slower growth may hurt corporate earnings. Government bonds in the United States, Britain, West Germany and the Netherlands remain the favorites. The European instruments are especially attractive if the dollar weakens in the second half.

"For stocks to do well, bonds must do even better," said Karl Van Horn, chairman of American Express Asset Management in London. Mr. Van Horn is so certain of his convictions that 30 percent of his \$150-million equity portfolio is invested in bonds, primarily U.S. securities.

While the variety of bonds with good potential in the second half may make the selection process easier for investors, the choice of equities proving a lot trickier.

In the minds of many, Japan is emerging as the first casualty of the U.S. slowdown. Scarcely a year ago, the Tokyo Stock Exchange was enjoying unrivaled success and international money managers continued to funnel investment dollars into the blue chips that had led Japan's export growth. Now, there are serious questions about whether trade levels can be sustained. The growing protectionist mood in Washington adds to the concern.

"It's a U.S. problem, but it's the major political issue for this market," said Michael Connors, who heads Jardine Fleming's research department in Tokyo. "Until we have a better view of the U.S. economy and world economy, people will still be jittery about blue chips."

N ONE is suggesting that there will be a sharp correction in Tokyo, but doubts about whether the market can maintain its upward momentum are widespread. Tokyo's stumble in March frightened many investors and, several analysts say, pointed up the realities of the market, where rallies are as much a product of speculation as fundamental factors.

Apparently weary of the Tokyo market's unpredictable nature, some money managers in Europe and in the United States have decided to lower their positions in Japanese stocks in the second half. "The Japanese have been engaging in private speculations at the cost of foreign investors," declared Christopher P. Murphy, vice president in charge of portfolio investments for Citicorp Bank in Switzerland.

European markets, which have enjoyed healthy rallies since the start of the year, are also seen as vulnerable to the slowdown in U.S. economic growth. In West Germany, where the economy depends heavily on exports, there are already signs of a shift in investment strategy in the Frankfurt market.

Portfolio managers at the big Frankfurt merchant bank, BHF Bank, are selling stocks in export-oriented companies that have led the market recently and placing greater emphasis on undervalued German blue chips and smaller companies. □

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strategist at Shearson Lehman Brothers. The Federal Reserve Board "will be meeting every two months and do what they have to," said Mr. Sherman, who foresees a possibility of a series of discount-rate reductions if the economy does not respond to one or two cuts.

Consequently, analysts do not foresee any major shift in equity strategy in the next half. Most portfolio managers are still leaning toward consumer-oriented sectors and interest-sensitive stocks, such as utilities and banks. However, many of these stocks are no longer as cheap as they were last January.

Still, with prospects for continued economic growth, Robert J. Salomon, head of equity research at Salomon Brothers, says New York offers the best bargains on the basis of price/earnings multiples. "We're the cheapest major market in the world," said Mr. Salomon, who sees average market P/Es rising to 11 to 12 by the end of the year, compared with the current range of 9.5 to 10.

Unlike others, Mr. Salomon sees the current climate of high interest rates and a strong dollar as a constructive transition period that forcing companies to cut costs, trim debt and improve competitiveness in the face of imports. "Just look at the last six months," he said. "Profits have been disappointing, but the market has gone up — a clear indication that the market is being revalued."

When it comes to picking stocks for the next few months, Mr. Salomon prefers sectors that lie outside "the eye of the storm," those that can show pricing flexibility. This strategy rules out basic industries, which are struggling to compete with foreign manufacturers. He also dislikes the oil and mining areas. Instead, Mr. Salomon focuses his attention on purely domestic areas, such as media and property/casualty insurance stocks. In the media sector, Mr. Salomon likes Time-Life Inc., Capital Cities Communications, Knight-Ridder, The Washington Post and The New York Times. General Reinsurance, Aetna Life & Casualty, American Express and Marsh & McLennan are among his picks in the insurance sector.

In line with his broad view of the market, Mr. Salomon also likes looking for companies undergoing or likely to undergo restructuring. Among his current picks are ITT, Rexam and Revlon. However, he acknowledges that there is a high risk in such a strategy that the restructuring will go awry. "To some extent you have to be as early as possible, but you can be wrong," he said.

In view of the market's gains so far this year, some commentators have begun to wonder whether the best performers have much more upside potential. "It won't be anything as exciting as it was at the beginning of the year," said Fred Frazee, director of equity research at Prudential-Bache.

He still considers the consumer and service sectors to offer the best potential. He likes such utilities as Florida Progress and Public Service Electric & Gas and regional telephone companies such as NYNEX and Southwest Bell. USAir and AMR are on his buy list for airlines. □

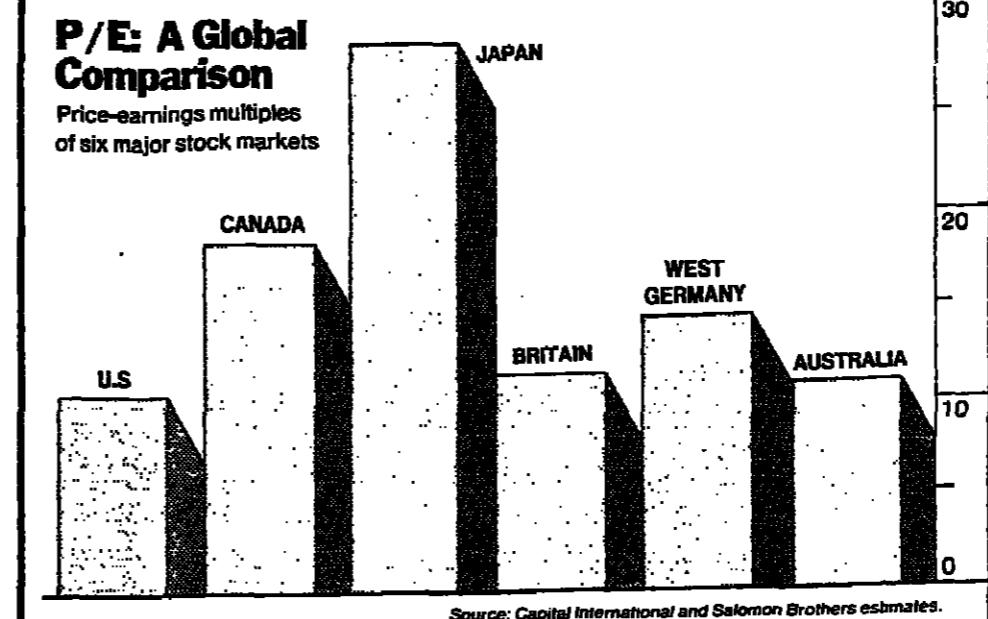
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Slower U.S. Growth Forces Some Shifts in Strategy

P/E: A Global Comparison

Price-earnings multiples of six major stock markets



Source: Capital International and Salomon Brothers estimates.

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muria Investment Management Co., a new division of Nomura Securities Co. that invests U.S. pension funds in the Pacific Basin.

Mr. Kagami, who expects the Tokyo market to be flat in coming months, admits to caution in Japan. Hitachi and Matsushita are among the few big exporters and electronic stocks he likes. He favors retailers, food companies and restaurants. "But nowhere would we make a big commitment," he said.

Not surprisingly, Mr. Noble and other money managers are looking elsewhere in the Far East, especially in Hong Kong where price/earning multiples are less than half those in Tokyo. "I find the Japanese market is difficult to deal with. Most people have had a tough time," said George Noble, who manages Fidelity's international fund. "I think the chips are stacked against a lot of Japanese stocks."

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year. "The liquidity buildup is amazing," said George Noble, manager of Fidelity's international fund in Boston. Montedison and IFT head Mr. Noble's buy list.

Aside from mutual-fund buying, Richard Overton, director of Astoria Montague Asset Management in London, which has \$4 billion (about \$5 billion) under management, said he also likes Italy's recent political stability and points to improvements in economic conditions. Indeed, Italian inflation is heading lower and Consob, the regulatory agency for the securities industry, appears to be taking steps to strengthen financial reporting requirements. Mr. Overton's picks in Italy include Fiat, Mediobanca and Olivetti.

The new fascination with Italian stocks does not mean the experts have forsaken the bigger markets. Most generally remain optimistic about further gains in equity markets in West Germany, Switzerland and France.

The confident tone can be traced to a generally upbeat view of the economic recovery in Europe, although some analysts are concerned that a significant slowdown in the United States will harm Europe's export-led growth. Also contributing to the buoyant outlook for European markets is chronic concern about the dollar. A number of global money managers have placed limits on their dollar exposure, sometimes shifting assets to

the continent where the Deutsche mark and Swiss franc are seen as likely beneficiaries of a drop in the dollar.

The strategy in Frankfurt and Zurich is to identify the sleepers, those stocks that might have been overlooked in the first-half rally and that still offer attractive price/earnings multiples.

The chemical sector is one area of search in West Germany. Analysts like BASF, Hoechst and Bayer whose P/Es range from 7.5 to 9. Still, no one is giving up on the big names. Mr. Overton likes Volkswagen, Daimler-Benz and Hypo Bank. The big three banks, Deutsche Bank, Commerzbank and Dresdner, also remain in favor.

In Switzerland, Hans-Carl Kessler, director of investments and portfolio management at Swiss Bank Corp., says the emphasis should remain on the export and financial sectors, as well as capital goods and retail areas. He also likes the insurance sector, but warns that many insurance issues have already had a sharp run-up. The bank's buy list includes Ciba-Geigy, Roche, Nestlé, Swiss Reinsurance and Société de Surveillance.

Despite the possibility of a summer pause, the Paris bourse is also expected to put in a solid performance in the second half. Mr. Overton points out that France is one of the latest participants in the recovery. BSN and Moët Hennessy are high on his buy list. □

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Metropolitan, the hotel group "with a superb management record," and Courtaulds.

Michael Hughes, partner and chief economist at Zedde & Bevan, also believes that the market's upside potential is limited. He contends that many British equities are "overvalued," although he agrees with other analysts and fund managers that some domestic stocks look promising. He likes insurance companies, such as Commercial Union and Sun Alliance, and recommends Blue Circle and Redland, companies that specialize in building materials. Among electronic issues, he likes GEC.

Despite such defensive views, many analysts still believe there is much upside potential in London. "We see [the market] as still moving forward. There is very strong earnings and dividend growth," said Richard Williams, director of Hill Samuel Fund Management. He forecasts a dividend growth of about 10 percent next year, with yields of 5 percent to 6 percent.

With the economy in "quite good shape" and the pound gaining ground against the dollar, Mr. Williams also targets domestic-oriented stocks. Hill Samuel particularly favors the retail sector, with Burton and Tesco named as good buys. Banks are also seen as being quite inexpensive, with Barclays favored over the other major institutions. □

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Bargain Hunting Among U.K. Investment Trusts

By Lynne Curry

DEVELOPMENTS on the British financial scene are making investment trusts, whose U.S. counterparts are known as closed-end funds, more attractive to investors as an alternative to unit trusts and mutual funds. "Investment trusts have never looked as promising as they do now," according to Ted Sellers, an analyst at Laing & Crichton, a London stock brokerage.

Investment trusts share some positive points with their "open-ended" cousins, unit trusts and mutual funds. Investment trusts offer professional portfolio management and an opportunity to spread risks. In addition, the sales commissions on funds shares are lower than the brokerage commissions that would be charged to buy the underlying stock.

The crucial difference is that investment trusts maintain a fixed number of shares outstanding and are traded much as the stock of a conventional company. By contrast, unit trusts and mutual funds continually issue new shares as money flows in and reduce the shares of investors who want to cash in their holdings. These transactions reduce a share's net asset value, which is calculated by dividing a fund's net assets by the number of shares.

Because investment trusts hold their shares to a constant number, the fluctuation in the price of investment trust shares depends on the relative presence of buyers and sellers. Shares can trade either at a discount to net asset value when sellers outnumber buyers, or at a premium to net asset value when there are more buyers than sellers.

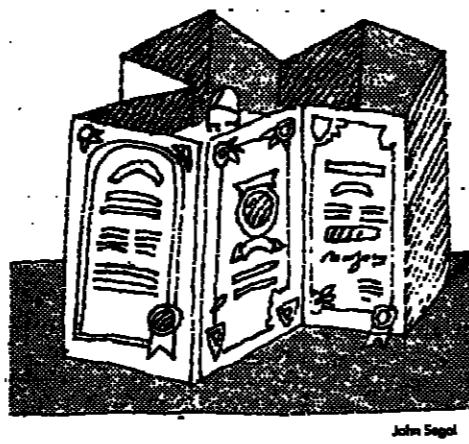
A main attraction of investment trusts rests in the opportunity to buy assets at a discount to their value.

"An investor is able to obtain income on a portfolio that's worth considerably more than he paid for it," said Thomas J. Herzfeld, president of a Miami, Florida, securities firm that specializes in U.S. closed-end funds.

For example, he said, if an investor buys \$100,000 worth of stock with a 6-percent yield, he will get \$6,000 worth of income annually. However, if the investor purchased \$100,000 worth of investment trust shares that are selling at a 30-percent discount, he will actually be buying \$142,000 worth of assets. With the same 6-percent yield, he will be getting income on \$142,000, or about \$8,500 minus the management fee.

"That's a very compelling argument for investment trusts," Mr. Herzfeld said. "You get more bang for your buck."

As investors bid more aggressively for the shares of an investment trust, the discount can narrow as the share price is driven upward, closer to net asset value. Occasionally, big profits can be realized when investment trusts with large discounts are taken over and their holdings sold to yield their full asset value. Or the investment trust can be "united," meaning



John Segal

it is converted into a unit trust and the shares sold at net asset value.

The lure of deep discounts is one reason British investment trusts are getting more attention than their American counterparts. Discounts of U.S. closed-end funds have virtually disappeared, and a few are selling at a premium. In the past 5 to 10 years, discounts in the United States have narrowed from over 25 percent to below 5 percent, compared with an average discount of 23 percent for the British trusts. Some British investment trusts are even trading at discounts of 30 percent to 40 percent.

Because of the deeper discounts, Mr. Herzfeld, who had been an advocate of U.S. closed-end funds for years, recently shifted the majority of his firm's money invested in closed-end funds to British investment trusts. His strategy is simple: "The same

reasons that narrowed the discount in the U.S. have fallen into place in London."

In the United States, discounts narrowed on the strength of a bull market that created enthusiasm among buyers of closed-end funds. In a deregulated financial environment, investors then pushed to cash in on their holdings. In addition, the end of fixed commissions for stock trades in 1975 put pressure on investment trusts because transaction costs became less of a factor in the investment equation.

London is following a similar route. In the past two years, London's financial community has braced itself for the planned introduction of negotiated commissions. Meanwhile, as more companies build up powerful stakes in closed-end funds, they are increasingly attempting to force them to "unite" or take steps to insure that their discounts narrow.

"Over the last two or three years, particularly, there has been growing pressure on investment trusts to do something or wind up," said Alan Rook, a salesman at Phillips & Drew, a stockbroker. "Management has been put on its mettle."

Professionals warn that there is more to investment-trust strategy than just finding a fund with a deep discount. "If an investor misuses his decision," cautions Hamish Buchan, a Wood, Mackenzie Co. analyst, the share price "could do even worse than the underlying asset."

Thus, investors should not just look for the possibility of narrowing discounts. Asset growth should also be considered. In some cases, the discount could remain the same or widen, but the share price could also rise as the fund's net asset value improves.

For example, the share price of Foreign and Colonial, a diversified trust with £550 million (about \$693 million) in assets, rose from 70 pence at the

end of 1982 to 109 pence in 1983 and 129 pence last year. At the same time, the fund's net asset value grew from 105.1 pence in 1982 to 176.3 pence in 1984, while the discount narrowed from 33.4 percent in 1982 to 23.1 percent in 1983 and widened slightly last year to 26.8 percent.

"The narrowing of discounts is a bonus," said Mr. Sellers of Laing & Crichton. "The key is in looking to a trust with an unduly wide discount, but that is on top of the rise in the asset value."

"There should be some firm reason why it [the fund] is likely to outperform the market," he said.

The range of choice in Britain remains wide. The industry today has 200 trusts with assets of about £16 billion, which as a sector constitutes 5.5 percent of the market value of British registered equities. This is a far cry from the 20 funds that existed when investment trusts first appeared here over a century ago. The American closed-end fund industry is much smaller, with assets totaling \$3 billion to \$3.25 billion.

With an array of trusts to choose from, investors can select either a specialist fund, say, in oil stocks, or one with a broader, more internationally based portfolio.

Two of the specialized funds that Mr. Herzfeld believes are potential winners are North Sea Assets and Viking Resources. Both are oil-related funds, currently out of market favor, which Mr. Herzfeld believes could benefit from a triple play: a narrowing of the discount, an increase in the net asset value, and a stronger pound. Some of his other favorites include 1928 Investment Trust, Brunner and Thring.

M R. BUCHAN singled out two other, more general industrial trusts that have performed well: American Trust, which has invested 80 percent in North America, and Continental and Industrial, which has a international spread of shares. Continental and Industrial has been the subject of speculation that Liberty Life, a South African insurance company, would mount a bid for it and convert it to a unit trust.

One selling point of investment trusts is their management fees, which are generally lower than those of unit trusts. Annual management fees typically run up to 1 percent of the value of the fund's assets. This fee comes out of the trust's income, meaning the dividends would be slightly higher if there were no fees.

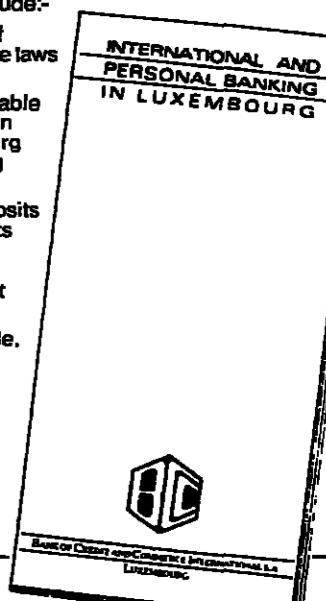
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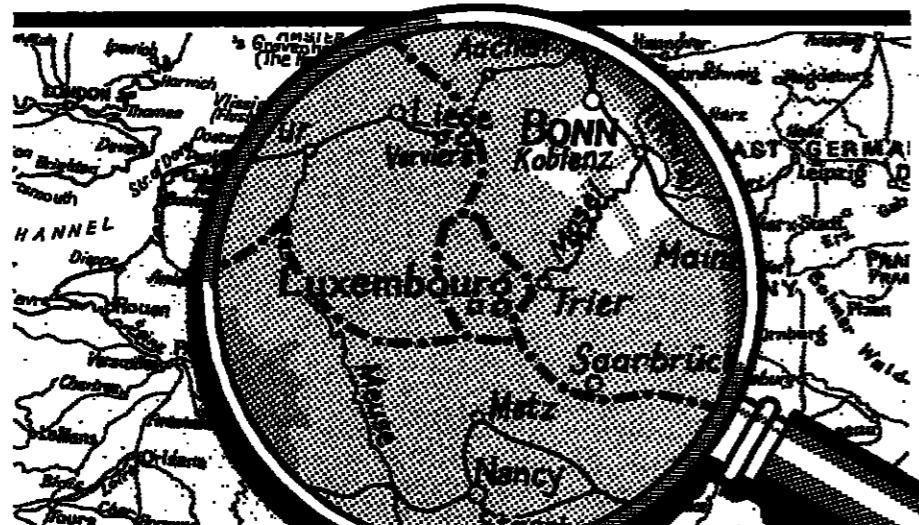
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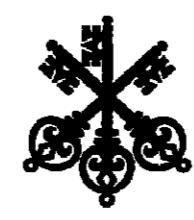
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PROFILE

Ernest Kiehne Buys Stocks That Stumbled

By John C. Boland

Baltimore, Maryland

AMONG the old-school investors who shop for value among depressed stocks, the name Legg Mason Wood Walker Inc. has been gaining attention. The Baltimore firm's no-load mutual fund, since its inception in the spring of 1982, has turned in the best performance in the mutual-fund industry, according to Lipper Analytical Services. As of two weeks ago, the Legg Mason Value Trust was up more than 160 percent.

That return, about two-and-a-half times the Standard & Poor's 500 advance, has been earned without exceptional risk. Indeed, the current portfolio of more than 100 stocks sports many solid, well-known companies.

But most of them have one thing that attracts the fund's overseer, Ernest C. Kiehne: a blemish of some sort on the corporate record — such as a temporary decline in earnings — that has put the shares out of favor. As a result, Mr. Kiehne, who is Legg's director of investment policy, typically acquires the issues at less than their book value, at a lower price/earnings ratio than the market's average and at a fraction of the companies' revenue per share. He also prefers that the companies carry only moderate debt compared with net worth, show growth of 8 percent to 10 percent in revenue and generate surplus cash.

That basic, conservative approach has led the 67-year-old Mr. Kiehne and his colleague, William Miller, the firm's 35-year-old director of investment management, to more than their share of companies that subsequently have drawn takeover bids. The latest are Easco Corp. and Informatics General Corp.

In recent weeks, it has led also to greater enthusiasm for international oil companies, which Mr. Kiehne noted "we missed in 1984 and 1985." Because of strong cash flow, some of the oils are buying back their own stock faster than they are losing reserves, which means that reserves per share are rising. Among the oil stocks that Mr. Kiehne viewed as attractive at recent levels are British Petroleum, Royal Dutch Petroleum and Texaco. The Value Trust also holds a moderate position in Kerr-McGee.

Mr. Kiehne, who worked at American Telephone & Telegraph for 23 years in jobs unrelated to the stock market, is something of a Legg Mason find himself. He was a longtime private investor with a trading account at Legg Mason, which, in addition to managing money, is a retail brokerage. His market successes and research savvy were such that Legg Mason hired him in 1967 to be its director of research.

"It always seemed logical to me to buy stocks that were improvable, where profit margins were unsatisfactory and had reasonable prospects to become satisfactory in several years," he said.

Mr. Kiehne was a buyer in the March quarter of regional bank stocks, which already had performed well for the fund. Most

States, is a case in point. Philips could ring up sales equivalent to \$80 a share this year (revenue grew 14 percent in the fourth quarter), and Mr. Kiehne expects that number to grow to \$100 within two years. At \$16, the stock trades at 20 percent of current sales per share. If profit margins reach 3 percent, earnings are likely to be about \$2.30 a share this year, \$2.80 next year and \$3 in 1987, he reckons. That is the kind of progress that he hopes might double the stock price. Philips' book value is about \$25, and research and development outlays, plus cash flow, are about \$11 a share.

Mr. Kiehne also looks favorably on American Carrier Inc., thinly traded over-the-counter issue that he bought aggressively in the March quarter. The Middle West-based trucking company is trading around \$12.50, with revenue that he expects to reach \$100 a share next year. Noting that the industry averages 4 percent for after-tax profit margins, Mr. Kiehne said: "If you could earn 2½ percent on revenue, that would be \$2.50 a share." American Carriers cleared \$1.35 a share in 1984, and Mr. Kiehne looks for

'It always seemed logical to me to buy stocks that were improvable.'

about \$1.60 this year, and a possible doubling of the stock price.

It was similar analysis that brought Mr. Kiehne to SCM Corp., a diversified chemical, office-equipment and paper company that ranks as Value Trust's largest holding. The stock is trading around \$46, versus the fund's average stock cost of \$38.63. Revenue exceeds \$200 for each of SCM's roughly 10 million shares. "If it earned 4 percent, SCM could clear \$9 a share," Mr. Kiehne said, assuming some revenue growth. That appears within reach in a couple of years he said.

Among the large-capitalization companies, Mr. Kiehne likes Allied Corp., which he bought as a chemical company but is happy to stay with now that the acquisitions of Bixby Corp. and Signal Cos. add a high-technology angle. With the stock down to \$40 from a \$46 peak, Mr. Kiehne argued that earnings of \$5.50 a share and a market-average price/earnings ratio could lift the average to \$60 in two years.

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of them, he noted, are selling around seven-and-a-half times Legg Mason's estimates of 1986 earnings. Most of the banks in the portfolio are earning less on their book value than the average for regional banks. Virtually all, he suggests, are potential targets for buyouts (the fund has had several earlier bank holdings taken over). During the quarter, Mr. Kiehne more than doubled his stake in Merchant Bancorporation Inc. of St. Louis.

At the moment, Mr. Kiehne's only real problem is an embarrassment of riches. The Value Trust has been attracting about \$1 million in new money each day, which has raised the total under management to well over \$200 million. Largely because of that influx, the fund's cash reserves have climbed to 4 percent. Given current stock prices, Mr. Kiehne said he didn't feel "too bad" about having that much cash.

Legg Mason is attracting so much new money that it hopes to start a second fund in about 90 days. That new offering will be a growth and income fund that might invest in bonds as well as stocks.

Mr. Kiehne is optimistic on the long-term prospects for the economy and the stock market, all the more so as it appears that the federal deficit might be trimmed. A lower deficit, a lower dollar, a smaller trade gap, perhaps a slower economy: Those might be the ingredients of an extended business upswing in 1986, he said.

One way to play Value Trust's success is by buying the stock of the brokerage firm's parent, Legg Mason Inc. The holding company's shares, which trade on the New York Stock Exchange, are about \$15.75, compared with a 52-week low of \$9. In its fiscal year ending March, Legg Mason earned 70 cents a share. With cash pouring in, Legg's management and distribution fees from the Value Trust (and from the forthcoming growth and income fund) stand to rise sharply, and its earnings this year could double.

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CHART TALK

The Fed's Gift to Wall Street

THE Federal Reserve Board stole center stage from the takeover talk that had been circulating through U.S. equity markets in May by reducing the discount rate to its lowest level since August 1978.

The reduction of half a percentage point in the rate to 7½ percent, effective May 30, infused life into a generally listless market, boosting major indexes to record highs. The Dow Jones Industrial index crossed the 1,300 mark on the first trading day after the announcement and closed out the month at 1,315.41, up 57.35 points over April's finish. Standard & Poor's Composite index rose 8.2 points to end the month at 189.55.

"I think you'd have to say that it was pretty exciting," said Hugh Johnson, a vice president and head of investment strategy at First Albany Corp. "There were many people who foresaw a decline in interest rates but none of the fireworks."

Issues that benefited most from the Fed's discount-rate cut were the interest-sensitive stocks — utilities, insurance companies and banks. The Dow Jones Utility index, which market watchers say anticipates broad market trends, gained almost 10 points over the month to finish at 163.32.

But, according to Mr. Johnson, even the Fed's move was not enough to chase away all investor doubt.

"There is a lot of nervousness about the economy," he said, pointing to "continuing signs of the fragility of the banking system," notably the brief closings of savings and loan associations in Maryland, and a 0.2-percent decline in the latest leading economic indicators.

"We are at that point in the business cycle where you have to be on your toes," he added.

With caution still in the air, takeovers accounted for the most dramatic gains on the New York Stock Exchange. Houston Natural Gas, which agreed to be acquired by InterNorth pipeline, saw its stock rise on a 50-share tender offer. Katay Industry, which sold its Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad to Union Pacific for \$98 million, was May's big loser. Some

investors had hoped for the sale to bring almost five times that amount.

London too felt the continued attraction of takeover targets, according Dennis Elliott, a director at Phillips & Drew. Mr. Elliott said that British investors had ignored the conventional wisdom

Market Scoreboard

The stocks on the New York, London and Tokyo exchanges that showed the largest percentage gains and losses in May.

GAINERS		LOSERS			
	Percent Gain	May 31 Price	Percent Loss		
New York Stock Exchange:					
Compiled by Media General Financial Services. Prices in dollars					
Houston Natural Gas	46	68.50	Katy Industries	33	13.75
CNA Financial	40	54.00	Pioneer Electronic	31	33.50
Nabisco Brands	39	82.63	Unocal	28	18.50
UAL Inc.	33	53.63	GCA Corp.	23	10.25
Continental Info.	30	10.25	Transoico	20	29.13
Heilig-Myers	29	28.00	McIntyre Mines	18	14.38
United Brands	29	16.88	Mesa Petroleum	15	16.75
Ciba-Geigy	28	21.50	TDK Corp.	17	31.75
Upjohn Co.	28	107.25	H.H. Robertson	16	13.75
Erbamont	26	13.88	Allied Products	16	18.25

American Stock Exchange:					
	Percent Gain	May 31 Price	Percent Loss		
American Stock Exchange:					
Compiled by Media General Financial Services. Prices in dollars					
Forest Laboratories	52	27.25	Gross Telecasting	42	17.13
Greenman Brothers	45	34.00	Ruddick Corp.	16	24.25
American Biotech	43	11.25	PEC Israel	15	10.00
Moore Medical	42	17.50	Metacare	14	19.00
Lake Shore Mines	41	54.00	Tech-Sym	13	16.38

Over the Counter:					
	Percent Gain	May 31 Price	Percent Loss		
Over the Counter:					
Compiled by Capital International. Prices in cents					
Tofu Time	82	25.25	Continuum Co.	32	20.50
Warman Industries	59	16.38	Microm Systems	28	16.75
Clothesline	55	20.50	Sym-Tek	25	12.50
Communications Ind.	39	28.63	Kulicke & Soffa	23	17.75
Newport Pharm.	38	10.50	Entre Computer	23	11.75

London Stock Exchange:					
	Percent Gain	May 31 Price	Percent Loss		
London Stock Exchange:					
Compiled by Capital International. Prices in pence					
Debenhams	39	388	BSR International	25	88
United Scientific	32	225	Plessey	18	142
Burnham Oil	26	286	Standard Telephone	18	170
Fisons	20	361	Ferranti	11	130
Bank of Ireland	19	295	Inchcape (U.K.)	8	390
Lucas Industries	19	302	Royal Bank Scotland	8	265
W.H. Smith & Son	17	248	Electrocomponents	8	285
BOC Group	15	309	British Com. Shipping	7	263
Whitbread	15	227	Rio Tinto Zinc	7	590
Guinness (Arthur)	15	277	Barratt Developments	7	100

"to sell in May and go away." The Financial Times industrial index rose 31.1 points to finish the month at 1,002.5.

Leading the British issues was Debenhams. The retailer has been the object of a hostile takeover bid by Burton, United Scientific, Burnham Oil, and W.H. Smith also

BONDS

Ginnie Mae and the LYON: Variations on the Fixed-Income Theme

Mortgage-backed Ginnie Maes offer attractive yields

By James Sterngold

SINCE the postwar housing boom began in the United States, the mortgage market has expanded to a staggering \$2 trillion as Americans pursued their dreams of homeownership. Given this enormous market, it is little wonder that today's aggressive financial institutions have found ways to bundle, repackage, and reshape mortgages into new kinds of securities.

Advertisements in U.S. financial publications extol the high yield and, usually, great safety of mortgage-backed securities. What the ads often do not make clear, however, is that mortgage-backed securities are complex instruments. While appropriate for some investment situations, they can be dangerous to investors who do not understand them.

"From the start, there were all kinds of problems with these securities, and some terrible abuses," said Robert Dell, an adviser to Morgan Stanley & Co. who has been involved with the latest generation of mortgage-backed securities since their inception 15 years ago.

"I don't think the problems were the result of misrepresentation, but of lack of knowledge," he said. "These securities aren't mysterious. They do require some thinking, though, and time to understand."

George Hester, a vice president of Paine Webber and a booster of mortgage-backed securities, said he sometimes cringes when he hears the advertising.

"Some of these brokers just tell you that you get these great yields of 12 percent or so," he said. "But they don't really tell you that there is more to know about them. You have to exercise care and read that fine print."

The federal government took the lead in creating investment securities from mortgages. The idea was for the government to buy mortgages from financial institutions that had actually made the loans, and then place similar mortgages in pools totaling millions of dollars.

Securities backed by these mortgages are then sold, with a return that reflects the interest rates that individual homeowners are paying. These "pass-through" securities have the full backing of the federal government.

The Government National Mortgage Association, known as Ginnie Mae, is by far the leading issuer of such securities, with \$277 billion worth outstanding.

Two other government agencies, the Federal National Mortgage Association, known as Fannie Mae, and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association, or Freddie Mac, also issue mortgage-backed or mortgage-related securities. These securities, however, are tailored principally for the institutional investor.

Another difference is that Ginnie Mae purchases only government-insured mort-

gages, which adds another layer of protection for those who invest in Ginnie Mae securities. The two other agencies buy conventional mortgages, which do not carry such insurance.

The Ginnie Mae certificate has thus become the most popular form of mortgage-backed security. Its chief advantage is that it offers the highest interest rate of any government security. An investor receives as safe an investment as a Treasury bond, but with a better return. Ginnie Maes usually offer a yield of one-half percentage point to one percentage point higher than a comparable Treasury bond.

In many ways, Ginnie Maes are like a conventional fixed-income security. They are generally sold in maturities of 30 years and in minimum denominations of \$25,000. Like bonds, the value of their principal rises and falls inversely to the prevailing level of interest rates.

But there are significant and potentially confusing differences.

Unlike most government securities, which pay interest semiannually, Ginnie Maes make payments monthly, of both interest and part of the principal. Interest payments fall throughout the life of the investment, as the amount of principal shrinks. It is thus known as a "wasting asset."

"We have to train our brokers carefully, and constantly, to get this across to the investor," said Stephen D. Leightman, first vice president and national sales manager of Prudential-Bache Securities.

This payback of principal derives from the fact that some holders of the underlying mortgages repay them before maturity. And the rate of the payoff on the Ginnie Mae is unpredictable, although there is a tendency to repay faster as the interest rates fall. Homeowners prefer to refinance at lower rates.

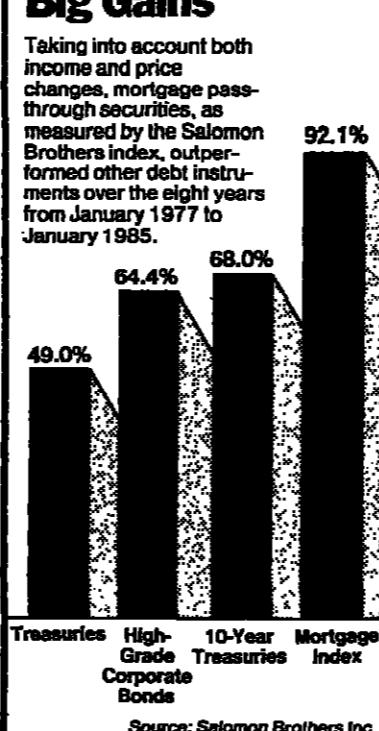
This payback situation has potential drawbacks. If investors do not understand that part of the monthly check is principal, they could be spending what they believe to be income, only to find later that their principal has diminished. Even those who do understand must decide what to do with that returned principal every month.

BROKERAGES have introduced variations on the Ginnie Mae to overcome some of these problems. Since many investors did not have the \$25,000 minimum for a Ginnie Mae, the first efforts were directed at reducing the size of the minimum investment. This resulted in the unit investment trust. The trust consists of a pool of Ginnie Maes in which shares, or units, are sold. One can invest as little as \$1,000, with \$100 increments above that.

Next on the scene, and currently one of the hottest mortgage-backed products, is the mutual fund. The Ginnie Mae mutual fund is also a pool of securities in which the investor can, in effect, buy a share. But the advantage with mutual funds is that the principal paid back to the investor by the Ginnie Maes, and even the monthly income, can be reinvested automatically. And the funds are actively managed by the mutual fund company through the use of various hedging strategies. This can produce additional income for the investor.

There is, however, a cost for this management expertise. The mutual funds' interest rate is usually about one-quarter to one-half percentage point below that of a unit trust or

Big Gains



actual Ginnie Mae certificate. The value of the units in a unit trust or a mutual fund rises or falls with fluctuations in interest rates. Mr. Hester said that his brokers are now selling a combination of these products.

Some income-oriented investors like to purchase Ginnie Mae certificates, and an adjoining Ginnie Mae mutual fund. That way they get the high yield and monthly payments of the certificate but can automatically reinvest the returned principal in the mutual fund. When the amount invested in the mutual fund rises to \$25,000, another certificate can be purchased.

The Ginnie Mae mutual fund pays an interest rate of about two to three percentage points higher than a typical money market fund, Mr. Hester said.

Other mortgage-backed investment products are also available from brokers. There is growing popularity, Mr. Leightman says, of collateralized mortgage obligations, known as CMOs. These are bonds, issued by corporate borrowers, that have as collateral Ginnie Maes or some other mortgage-backed instrument. The mortgages provide strong backing to the bonds. The bonds provide certain and regular income; the Ginnie Maes do not.

Such backing means that corporate borrowers pay less than they would otherwise. But the investor still receives a better return, at higher risk, than the straight Ginnie Mae. Mr. Leightman said that corporate CMOs pay from a quarter-point to a half-point higher rates, but cautioned that the market is not as liquid as that for Ginnie Maes.

"What has made these accessible to the consumer now is that we've got them down to denominations of \$1,000 minimum," he said. "And you don't have the problem of principal payback."

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Merrill's LYON links zero coupon with a stock play

By Edith Cohen

IN THE scratching and clawing for investment dollars in the past few years, Wall Street has unleashed a menagerie of instruments with a distinctly feline flair. Since 1982, when Merrill Lynch brought out a zero-coupon instrument dubbed TIGRS, for Treasury Income Growth Receipts, which was followed by Salomon Brothers' CATS, or Certificates of Accrual on Treasury Securities, the market for such investments has grown to \$100 billion to \$125 billion.

Now, Merrill Lynch has unleashed its LYON, or Liquid Yield Option Note, a complicated hybrid security. The LYON combines the popular zero-coupon debt security with features of convertible bonds. Lee Cole, vice president of institutional sales, says the LYON was designed "for risk-averse investors" who want to be able to participate in a rise in the issuing company's stock but also have some downside protection.

The concept behind zero-coupon bonds is now well-known by most investors. These deep-discount bonds pay no interest until they are redeemed or reach maturity. The difference between the selling price and the value at maturity of a zero-coupon instrument represents the accrued interest.

The LYON's underwritten by Merrill Lynch in April as corporate zero-coupon securities issued by Waste Management Inc., a waste-disposal company in Oak Brook, Illinois, and Staley Continental, which controls A.E. Staley Manufacturing Co., a food processor in Decatur, Illinois. The securities pay a compounded annual rate of 9 percent.

The issues have two new twists. The investor has the right to convert the zero-coupon corporate security into the common stock of the issuing company. In addition, the investor gets the right after three years to "put" or sell back the security to the company for the accrued value. In the first three years redemption is permitted but for lower yields.

The buyback guarantee safeguards against a sharp decline in value if interest rates climb. This is important, because prices of zero-coupon debt instruments are more volatile than those of conventional bonds.

Both the Waste Management and Staley issues were priced at \$250, and they will pay \$1,000 at maturity in 2001. Over the 16-year life of the securities, the investor has the option of converting the note into stock at a 10-percent premium to the market price on the date the issue's terms were set.

For Waste Management, which was trading at \$52.25 on April 12, the LYON was convertible at a rate of \$37.34 a share. This established a conversion rate for the life of the bond of 4.36 shares of common for each note, calculated by dividing the \$250 price by the price of a single share.

At any point in the life of the security, the investor simply divides the accrued value of the note by 4.36 shares to determine the per-

share cost of converting it into Waste Management common stock. For Staley, which was trading at \$18.95, the LYON was convertible on the first day of the issue at \$20.625, or about 12.1 shares.

Like other convertible securities, the LYON is, in effect, a way to hedge market movements. The investor accepts a rate of interest somewhat below that of securities of comparable risk and maturity for the right to participate in any surge in the price of the stock of the issuing company. But should the stock fail to perform, the investor is guaranteed a fixed return, whether the security is held to maturity or resold to the company.

The LYON confers an added hedge by putting a floor under the value of the security should interest rates surge.

The crucial question for the investor is whether the terms of the trade-off are attractive. A key issue is whether the outlook for the company's stock is sufficiently bright to justify the sacrifice of a few percentage points of yield. A look at the chart below gives an idea of how far and fast Waste Management's shares would have to rise for the convertible option to remain attractive.

Under the LYON formula, the effective conversion price rises with the accrued cash value of the instrument. Thus, on June 30, 1988, when the accrued cash value will be \$301.37, the LYON could be converted into the common stock of Waste Management at \$69.23 a share, or about 18 percent above its current market price.

For W. Theodore Kuck, vice president and portfolio manager of Equitable Investment Management Co., the Waste Management LYON seemed a reasonable play on the stock. "The most important decision for any convertible issue is whether you'd be a buyer of that stock. We believe Waste Management is an attractive stock," he said, and the LYON is "an attractive way to hold it."

"The downside protection was recognized at the offering by everyone," he said. "What they disagreed on was the upside performance potential of the convertible versus the upside performance of the common stock."

He notes that Waste Management zeros have outperformed the market to date.

But Mr. Kuck is far from being swept away by the LYON phenomenon. Staying by his own rule of carefully evaluating the underlying stock in a convertible offering, he says, his firm did not participate in the Staley issue. "We didn't like the fundamentals."

Overall, however, the market responded well to both the Waste Management and Staley offerings. It snapped up \$187.5 million of the Waste Management issue, valued at \$75 million at maturity, and \$87.5 million of the Staley, valued at \$35 million at maturity, according to Mr. Cole of Merrill Lynch. He estimates that half was bought by institutions and half went to the retail market.

BUT critics note a few aspects that may make a LYON less than the ideal household pet. For one thing, Mr. Kuck notes that the company has the right to call the bonds for cash beginning in mid-1987. Such call features typically make a debt instrument less attractive to investors who buy bonds in the first place to lock in an interest rate for a fixed period. For the first two years, the stock must exceed \$86 a share in Waste Management's case for the company to call it. And the holder of the LYON has 15 days in which to decide whether to convert it to stock.

However, Mr. Kuck says Waste Management has little incentive to call the issue. Companies that issue zero-coupon debt are allowed a tax deduction on the implied interest as if it were a bond that paid semiannual interest. In other words, the company receives a break on its current taxes even though the interest on zero-coupon debt is not paid until maturity.

The tax story can be different for the investor. In some jurisdictions, the imputed interest on zero-coupon bonds is taxed yearly as if the interest were being paid regularly rather than as a lump sum at maturity. Because of this, LYONs, like other zero-coupon instruments, are best suited for tax-deferred holdings, such as offshore accounts or tax-exempt retirement accounts.

Tracking a LYON

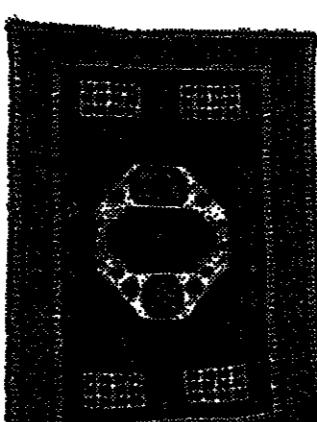
The first three columns show the accrued cash value each year on June 30 of the Waste Management LYON issue if it were sold back to the company and the effective annual yield. The fourth column indicates the effective stock price if the instrument is converted into common shares.

Date	Accrued Cash Value	Effective Yield	Stock Price Equivalent If Converted
1985	\$301.37	8%	\$69.23
1986	301.37	7%	76.49
1987	301.37	6%	86.14
1988	301.37	5%	96.87
1989	301.37	4%	107.57
1990	301.37	3%	117.90
1991	301.37	2%	128.76
1992	301.37	1%	140.60
1993	301.37	0%	153.54
1994	301.37	0%	167.57
1995	301.37	0%	183.11
1996	301.37	0%	199.95
1997	301.37	0%	218.35

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

The Rug Trade Is Seeing a Steady Climb in Prices

By Barbara Rosen



Kazach Karatchoph rug recently sold for £15,400.

TWENTY years ago, recalled Peter Auckland, a rug shop in London routinely offered a free "Belouche" rug with every purchase. Dealers, he said, thought that giving away the small, hand-woven carpets from central Asia was a relatively inexpensive way to bring in customers.

Nowadays, such bonuses are unheard of. The prices of oriental rugs have risen dramatically in the past decade. Belouche rugs with geometric patterns and somber blues and reds are no exception.

Mr. Auckland, a rug specialist at the Vigo Carpet Gallery, has several in his shop that range in price from £240 to £1,800 (about \$300 to \$2,250).

Mr. Auckland attributes the rapid appreciation to "rug schoolship." The general public, he says, has woken up to the detail and craftsmanship of oriental rugs. Prices have risen accordingly.

Although the term is sometimes carelessly applied to a wide variety of carpets, oriental rugs are unique. They are hand-woven, usually of wool or silk and originate from scattered provinces in the Far East, Middle East or the Balkans. Craftsmen in each area or town usually have their own style and design, and the rugs are identified by region. Today, Iran, China, Turkey, India, Afghanistan, Romania, Albania, Pakistan and Egypt are considered to be the major oriental rug-making centers.

Rug dealers generally advise customers against buying relatively new carpets. Most only sell rugs that are at least 50 years old and especially prize any that date back from the 19th century. The reason

tapestry dealer, suggests that individuals select the type of rug they want "and then follow that rug" until they find a dealer offering a competitive price. "Never buy from the first shop," he said.

Given their popularity, it is not surprising that the definition of a quality oriental rug has expanded. For many years, Vigo's Mr. Auckland says, only the finest Persian rugs were in demand. These were usually made in cities by weavers working under relatively good conditions. In many cases this meant a roof over their heads.

But as the supply has dwindled in the past 20 years, the public has also been drawn to the look of other, sometimes coarser, rugs, he says. Many were made in villages. The coarseness or fineness of a rug is measured by the number of knots it contains. A fine silk rug from the Iranian city of Qum contains 300 knots per square inch.

These days, tribal rugs woven by nomads are beginning to move up the price scale. Even the fashion for the light-colored Persian Heriz rugs is coming to an end, according to Mr. Auckland. "Now it's being recognized that you can find attractive pieces from almost any origin," he said.

Condition and design are very important in determining the price of a rug. When examining any

antique oriental rug, Mr. Fransen says, look first at the weaver's style. "An elegant weaver would work out a design for himself," he said. The rug must also be made of good quality wool, with a well-cut pile. An antique rug, of course, can show some wear.

The quality of the dye is also important. Chemical dyes used since World War I, particularly chrome-based ones, are considered precise and fast, but many dealers say the mellowing of dyes made from saffron, indigo or madder shells adds something immeasurable to a fine rug's beauty. By contrast, dealers warn that early aniline chemical dyes should be avoided since they fade into unattractive shades.

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EUROBONDS**Guessing Game on U.S. Rate Unsettles Eurodollar Market**

By CARL GEWIRTZ

International Herald Tribune

PARIS—Those who believe U.S. interest rates will decline further were buying Eurodollar bonds last week, those who do not were not, and those who have given up guessing were willing to follow the prevailing trend. Until Friday, the trend favored dollar bonds. New York prices rallied sharply during the week and Eurobond prices were marked up by dealers as short-term rates eased and conviction mounted that a cut in the Federal Reserve's discount rate was imminent.

Those hopes were dashed by the May employment figures, which increased. This coming on top of Thursday's report of a renewed bulge in the growth of the basic money-supply measure sent short-term rates up, with one-year funds rising a sharp 3 percent to 8.3 percent.

As a result, the new issues launched early Friday in anticipation of further rate decreases, were left aside. Electricté de France's \$125 million of 10-year bonds, issued at 99%, fell 24 points to 97.4 percent. It did not sell.

Market Turnover

For Weeks Ended June 6 (Millions of U.S. Dollars Equivalent)

	Total	Dollar Equivalent
Eurobonds	15,627	11,625
Euromarket	29,593	24,524

Source: Computed by the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

International Business Machines Corp. announced it will call its 13% of 1987 issued in 1982. The paper is callable as of Aug. 18 at a price of 101%. IBM is refinancing the issue in the New York market, where it is selling \$200 million of three-year 9-percent notes and \$200 million of five-year 9-percent notes. (On a Eurobond basis, the latter issue yields 9.86 percent.)

WHILE the early-week rise in New York was much sharper than the Eurobond rally, the New York decline was also much steeper. This meant that EdF and Seagram, which were priced at about 15 basis points over yields on U.S. Treasury paper, ended the week yielding less than Treasury bonds.

A major distinction that bankers make between the performance of the New York and Eurobond markets is that the New York rally was fueled by retail investors rushing to buy paper and the decline by those investors pulling back. The market in Europe, by contrast, is marked by a near-absence of retail demand.

The thrust behind last week's Eurodollar issuing activity was the continuing shift of dollar-based institutional investors either out of low-yielding deposits into short-term securities or out of medium-term holdings into longer-term paper to grab a return of 10 percent or more while it is still available.

However, the Eurodollar market has lost a major source of support as bankers report that Japanese investors have shifted their buying activity to the Treasury market in New York. Bankers say the Japanese are not willing to take a view on the development of interest or exchange rate rates and—although they continue to purchase dollar securities—want the comfort of the vast liquidity of the Treasury market where they can dump their holdings at a moment's notice with minimum impact on prices.

Some analysts argue that the traditional retail demand for Eurobonds is not likely to soon reappear as portfolios are bulging with bonds and investors are increasingly turning to shares as yields on new bond issues drop to levels that are no longer compelling.

Meanwhile, with financing costs well below the coupon levels, underwriters remain willing to take on new commitments—although by the end of last week, not all of these were still showing a profit.

Ford Motor Credit Co., which broke the 10-percent barrier on a five-year paper, set a coupon of 9.9% on its notes and an issue price of 99%. But by the end of the week the notes were quoted at a discount of 3/4 points for a yield of 10.46 percent.

Atlantic Richfield Co. ended with a discount of 3/4 points on its \$250-million, 15-year issue which was offered at 95% with a coupon of 10.4% percent.

Escom, South Africa's Electricity Supply Commission, tapped the market for \$100 million, offering six-year notes at par bearing a coupon of 11 1/2 percent. The appetite for South African paper is limited and the coupon reflects this.

Denmark structured its \$100 million of seven-year notes to

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Last Week's Markets

All figures are as of close of trading Friday

Stock Indexes		Money Rates		
United States		United States		
Last Wk.	Prev. Wk.	Close	Last Wk.	
DJ Indust.	1,214.42	1,215.41 +0.76%	Federal funds rate	7/16 7/16
DJ Util.	1,632.08	1,632.32 +0.18%	Prime rate	10 10
DJ Trans.	1,525.45	1,525.16 +1.18%	Japan	
S & P 500	184.00	184.00 -0.21%	Discount	5 5
NYSE	189.57	189.55 +0.02%	Call money	6/31 6/16
Amex	197.97	197.95 +0.02%	40-day interbank	6/4 6/4
Source: Financial Markets Services			West Germany	
United Kingdom	FTSE 100	1,210.60 1,210.58 -0.02%	Lombard	6 6
FTSE 30	1,071.49	1,071.20 +0.34%	Overnight	5.50 5.50
Hong Kong	Hong Kong	1,542.55 1,542.87 -4.42%	1-month interbank	5.60 5.50
Japan	Nikkei DJ	12,256.59 12,256.44 -0.33%	Bank-horse rate	12/4 12/5
West Germany	Commerzbank	1,221.50 1,221.50 +3.17%	Call money	12/4 11
Source: James Cawie & Co., London			2-month interbank	12/4 12/5

Currency Rates

Cross Rates		June 6	
Amsterdam	6	0.94	1.02
Brussels (e)	4.374	112.95*	26.91*
Frankfurt	8.1515	76.15	30.95
London (e)	1,2715	3,085	11,250*
New York (e)	2,0219	2,0219	2,0219
Paris	9.327	11,025	12,025
Tokyo	265.10	115.85	124.34
Zurich	2,5645	3,2995	4,8485
1 ECU	0.724	2,2005	4,6533
1 SDR	0.997111	1,2000	1,2000
Currencies in London and Zurich, Dollars in other European centers, New York rates of 4 P.M. (a) Commercial rates (b) Amounts needed to buy one pound (c) Amounts needed to buy one dollar (d) Units of 100 (e) Units of 1,000 (f) Units of 10,000 (g) Not available (h) To buy one pound (i) Not available			

Other Dollar Values

CONTINENTAL U.S.S. CONTINENTAL D.F. U.S.S.
Austria, peseta 617.26 6,274 122.95* 26.91*
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Austr. sch. 51.22 51.22 1,000 1,000
H. K. doll. 61.00 61.00 1,000 1,000
real, cruz. 5,400.00 5,400.00 1,177.00 1,177.00
U.S. doll. 1,2301 1,2301 1,071.00 1,071.00
Swiss francs 10.36 10.36 1,071.00 1,071.00
Sw. francs 0.7643 0.7643 1,071.00 1,071.00
Sterling 1,2099 1,2099 1,071.00 1,071.00

Sources: Banque de Bruxelles (Brussels); Banque Commerciale (Antwerp); Banque Nationale de Paris (Paris); Bank of Tokyo (Tokyo); IMF (SDR); BAW (Berlin, West Germany). Other data from Reuters and AP.

G&W Sale Of Units Planned**Wickes Is to Pay About \$1 Billion**

International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK—Gulf & Western Industries Inc., the entertainment and consumer-products company, said Sunday it had agreed in principle to sell its consumer and industrial products groups to Wickes Companies Inc. for about \$1 billion and the assumption of about \$90 million in long-term debt.

Martin S. Davis, G&W's chairman and chief executive officer, said the sale "substantially completes" the sweeping restructuring program he began in 1983 after taking the helm of the company.

The latest sale "reflects our continuing commitment to sharpen the focus of Gulf & Western," he said in a statement.

The divestiture includes two companies with widely recognized brandnames—Kayser-Roth, which makes apparel and hosiery, and Simmons, which makes bedding and home furnishings.

A.P.S., an automotive parts distributor, and G&W Manufacturing, a maker of automotive, electronic and construction products, make up the rest of the properties to be sold to Wickes.

The companies are expected to report combined sales in the current fiscal year, which ends July 31, of \$2.7 billion and operating income, before corporate expenses, of slightly over \$200 million.

G&W said it expected to realize a substantial gain from the sale.

Wickes, a Santa Monica, California-based company whose main businesses has been in lumber and building supplies, said it would finance the purchase through bank borrowings, a private placement of debentures and convertible preferred shares, and proceeds from a recent \$53-million common stock offering.

Over the last 16 months, G&W has made several acquisitions aimed at bolstering the company's presence in publishing and related fields.

The acquisitions included Esquire Inc., a magazine publisher, and Pentice-Hall and Gram & Co., which both publish textbooks and other educational material. Among G&W's other holdings are Simon & Schuster, the publishing house, Paramount Pictures and Madison Square Garden Corp.

As part of the restructuring program, the company has shed its holdings in sugar, zinc, chemicals, building products, energy, race-tracks and manufacturing.

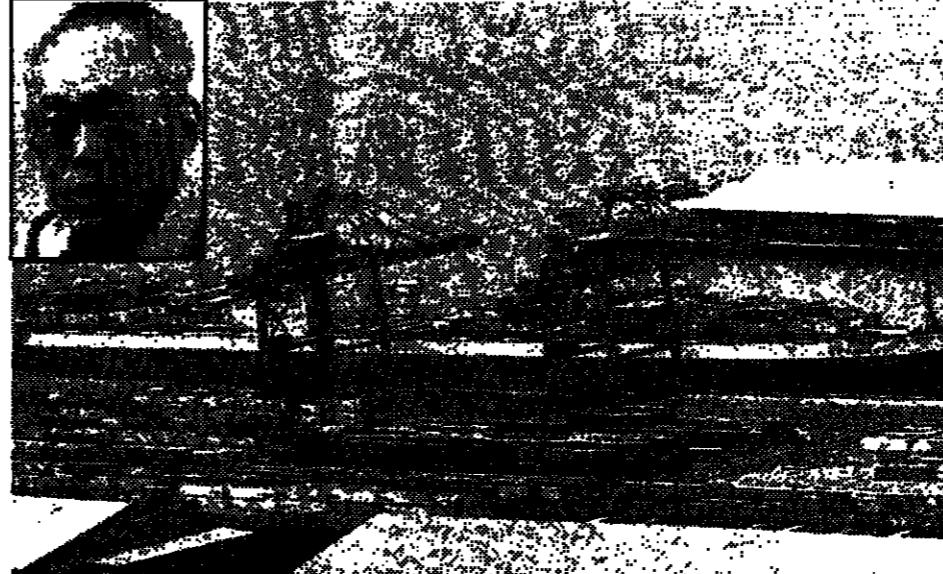
Last October, G&W reported that operating net totaled \$742 million, up 13 percent from \$63.6 million in the previous year. The group's sales amounted to \$1.13 billion, up 19 percent.

But more recently, G&W posted a fall in 1985 first-half net to \$103.2 million, 31 percent down on the \$149.6 million posted in the year-earlier period. Sales totaled \$2.1 billion, 5 percent up from \$2.0 billion the previous year.

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Singapore Is World's Busiest Port**Harbor Now Attracts More Shipping Than Rotterdam**

AP/Singapore Ministry of Culture

Singapore's rise as a port is partly attributed to Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew's policies.

United Press International

SINGAPORE—Singapore has overtaken Rotterdam as the world's busiest port in terms of shipping and is making a sustained effort to attract more cargo traffic.

The Port of Singapore Authority declines comment on its status. But officials said a comparative study of statistics from both ports confirms that Singapore now hosts more shipping than any other port in the world.

Last year, the statistics show, ships totaling 527 million gross registered tons called at Singapore, compared with 421.6 million tons at Rotterdam.

Yokohama in Japan assumed third position with more than 350 million tons. Fourth place was held by New York City.

A spokesman for the Netherlands Embassy in Singapore confirmed that Singapore was the world's busiest port in tonnage, but said that Rotterdam still handled more cargo annually.

The Dutch port handled 243.4 million tons of cargo last year compared with Singapore's 111.9 million tons.

The spokesman said Rotterdam's principal cargo was crude oil, with an average annual tonnage of 110 million in the 1980s. Others include ores and metals, solid fuels, mineral oils, animal fodder, chemicals, oil seeds, edible oils and cereals.

Singapore's improved performance was largely due to the economic recovery in the United States that caused an increase in containerized cargo, which grew by 18 percent to 22.1 million tons last year.

Other cargo handled by the port is mainly grain, vegetable oil and cement.

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Falling Loan Charges Benefit Eastern Europe

By Carl Gewirtz

International Herald Tribune

PARIS—International banks demonstrated afresh last week that their lending capacity far exceeds demand for loans, resulting in a

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continued narrowing of loan charges.

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negotiating lower terms on a \$1.5-billion deferred notes purchase facility arranged last year. That facility was designed to back up the sale of floating-rate notes in New York which gave investors the right to request redemption after one year.

Almost none of that paper has been redeemed, so Sweden is widening the scope of the facility to a general purposes backup credit at the same time it is readjusting the cost.

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The new structure will enable Sweden to use it to back the sale of commercial paper in New York by providing a so-called swing line allowing same-day drawings. In addition, two tender panels will be created to bid for short-term Eurobonds.

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one will be a general panel, invited to bid for one-, three- or six-month notes. The other is a specialized panel, which can propose odd maturities starting with seven days or longer. In this case, banks can propose a specified rate of interest rather than linking the cost to the London interbank rates.

The commitment fee Sweden will pay banks for standing ready to lend has been halved to 1/4 percent, or 6.25 basis points, from the 4-percent charged on the original seven-year facility. The maturity is unchanged, meaning the new terms will run for six years.

Pricing on the original credit was pitched to appeal to banks operating in the United States with Sweden paying 60 basis points over the

rate for certificates of deposit. The new structure is expected to appeal to a wider group of lenders as the pricing opens the way for banks who fund themselves in the Euro-dollar market.

Lenders are given the option of charging Sweden 35 basis points over the rate

New Eurobond Issues

Issuer	Amount (millions)	Mat.	Coup. %	Price and week	Terms
FLOATING RATE NOTES					
Barclays Bank	\$400	perp	1/4	100	99.26 Over 6-month Libor. Callable at par in 1990. Fees 0.675%. Denominations \$10,000.
Banque Int'lle Pour l'Afrique Occidentale	\$50	1995	1/4	100	— Over 6-month Libor. Redeemable at par in 1992. Callable at par in 1990. Fees 0.80%.
Christiania Bank Kreditkasse	\$75	1995	1/4	100	99.97 Over 6-month Libor. Callable at par on any interest payment date after 1986. Fees 1.2%. Denominations \$10,000. \$56 million issued now and \$19 million reserved for tap.
Comerica	\$75	1997	1/4	100	99.80 Over 3-month Libor. Callable at par on any interest payment date after 1988. Redeemable at maturity in cash and/or cash equivalent. Callable at par in 1989. Fees 1.2%. Denominations \$10,000. Interest payments quarterly, interest after opt., prior to June 1989, for cash redemption. Fees 1.4%.
Copenhagen Handelsbanken	\$100	2000	1/16	100	99.65 Over 6-month Libor. Callable at par in 1988. Fees 0.35%.
Crédit Lyonnais	\$300	2000	1/16	100	99.90 Over 6-month Libor. Callable at par in 1990. Fees 3/16%.
Iceland	\$125	2000	1/4	100	99.82 Over 6-month Libor. Redeemable at par in 1995 and 1997. Callable at par in 1988. Fees 1/4%.
Oesterreichische Volksbanken	\$50	1995	1/4	100	— Over 6-month Libor. Callable at par in 1987. Fees 1/4%.
Ireland	DM 500	1997	1/4	100	99.80 Over 6-month Libor for first 8 years and 1/16 over for the remainder. Callable at par in 1990. Fees 1.14%.
FIXED-COUPON					
Atlantic Richfield	\$250	2000	10 1/4	99 1/4	96.50 Callable at 101 1/4 in 1997.
Denmark	\$100	1992	10 1/4	100 1/4	97.75 Callable at par in 1990. 15/45 payable on subscription and balance to July 1985.
EdF	\$125	1995	10	99 1/4	97.50 Callable at 101 in 1992.
Escom	\$100	1991	11 1/2	100	98.13 Noncallable.
Ford Motor Credit	\$100	1990	9 1/2	99 1/4	96.63 Noncallable.
Marubeni Finance	\$100	1995	zero	39.15	36.90 Yield 23.5%. Noncallable. Proceeds \$387 million. Denominations \$10,000.
Nippon Credit Bank	\$150	1995	10 1/4	100	99.25 Noncallable.
Nippon Kokan	\$50	1990	10	100 1/4	99.88 Noncallable.
Seagram Ltd	\$100	1995	10	100	97.50 Callable at 101 in 1992.
Sonat Finance	\$100	1992	11 1/4	100	101.38 Callable at 101 in 1990.
Raufoess	DM 30	1995	7 1/4	99 1/4	— Callable at 101 1/4 in 1992. Private placement.
Ammunitionsfabrik					
GMAC U.K. Finance	£ 30	1990	10 1/4	100	— Noncallable.
Creditanstalt Bankverein	ECU 67.5	1994	8 1/4	100 1/4	98.50 Noncallable.
Crédit National	ECU 50	1995	8 1/4	100	98.50 Noncallable.
Mitsui Trust Finance	ECU 60	1993	8 1/4	100 1/4	97.75 Noncallable.
Buhrmann-Tefetrode	DF 50	1990	7 1/4	99 1/4	99.00 Noncallable private placement.
Australian Industry Development Corp.	Aus\$ 40	1988	12 1/4	100 1/4	99.13 Noncallable.
Chrysler Financial	Aus\$ 45	1992	13 1/4	100 1/4	97.75 Noncallable.
Finance Corp. of New Zealand	Aus\$ 25	1990	14	100 1/4	— Noncallable.
Security Pacific	Aus\$ 60	1995	13 1/4	100 1/4	98.25 Callable and redeemable at par in 1990 when new terms will be set.
Australia					
Danish Export Finance Credit	NZS 40	1990	16 1/4	100	98.13 Noncallable.
Denmark	NZS 75	1990	16	100	— Noncallable.
KB Ifima	NZS 50	1990	16 1/4	100	98.13 Noncallable.
Swedish Export Credit	NZS 50	1990	16	100 1/4	— Noncallable.
Norske Industribank	NK 200	1993	10	open	— Callable at 101 1/4 in 1990.
EQUITY-LINKED					
Isetan	\$20	2000	3 1/4	100	— Semiannual. Callable at 103 in 1990. Convertible at 614 yen per share.
Nippon Kangyo Kakumaru Securities	\$50	2000	open	100	98.25 Coupon indicated at 3%. Callable at 103 in 1990. Convertible at an expected 5% premium. Terms to be set June 13.
Nippon Mining	\$50	1990	open	100	100.00 Coupon indicated at 7%. Noncallable. Each \$5,000 note with one warrant exercisable into shares of an expected 25% premium. Terms to be set June 13.
Thomson-CSF	\$75	2000	open	100	— Coupon indicated at 65-7%. Callable at 104 in 1988. Convertible at an expected 8-10% premium. Terms to be set June 10.

U.S. Rates Unsettle Eurodollar Trade

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appeal to investors who expect the dollar to decline by asking for only 15/4 percent of the purchase price to be paid immediately and the balance in July, 1986. The notes are offered at a price of 100% bearing a coupon of 10 1/4 percent.

Also tapping the market last week were Sonat Finance, guaranteed by Southwest Natural Gas; Nippon Credit Bank Ltd., and Nippon Kokan K.K.

On Friday, Marubeni Finance NV, an offshore subsidiary of the big Japanese trading company, offered \$100 million of 10-year, zero-coupon bonds — the first from a Japanese-owned entity. Investors are asked to pay 39.15 percent of the face value, or \$3,915 for paper which will be redeemed at maturity for \$10,000. This is the equivalent of earning 9.83 percent a year.

At the time the terms were set, that return was spot on the yield of U.S. Treasury paper. But as Treasury rates rose, the price on Marubeni sank, ending the day down 2 1/4 points. The bonds, guaranteed by Fuji Bank Ltd., are not readily saleable in Japan as the issuing company is not Japanese.

One of the striking events of last week was the rush of issues dominated in high-coupon Australian and New Zealand dollars. The high coupon appeals to speculators who are willing to bet that the inherent weakness of the currencies will be offset when the dollar goes into its expected tailspin.

An array of maturities was available in Australian dollar paper.

Three-year notes (40 million dollars) were offered by Australian Industry Development Corp., priced at 100 1/4 with a coupon of 12 1/4 percent. Finance Corp. of New Zealand, guaranteed by Bickley Investments Ltd. of New Zealand, offered 25 million dollars of five-year, 14-percent notes at a price of 100%.

Security Pacific Australia Ltd. offered 60 million dollars of 10-year bonds at 100% bearing a coupon of 13% percent. But for all practical purposes this is a five-year issue as it is callable by the issuer or redeemable by holders after five years, at which time the issuer can set new terms. (Both this issue and ALDC are payable in U.S. dollars at a rate to be set three days before payment. Interest and principal payments by the issuers will be converted to U.S. dollars as the issuers are Australian and subject to domestic exchange controls.)

Chrysler Financial Corp. offered

45 million of seven-year notes at 100% bearing a coupon of 13% percent. However, the terms were viewed as too aggressive, especially in light of the fact that the issue is subordinated debt.

Overall, however, bankers admitted that placement of the paper was made difficult by the overabundance of supply.

For what bankers call "rate hogs," the New Zealand dollar offerings — all with five-year maturities — were more attractive as they bear coupons of 16 percent or more. Swedish Export Credit Corp. and Crédit National of France were the best received, while Mitsui Trust Finance traded outside its total commissions.

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Jobs Figures Prompt Rise In Major Interest Fees

By Michael Quint
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Interest rates have risen sharply after the Commerce Department announced a larger-than-expected increase in the number of employed workers during May.

Although many economists still said that lower rates were likely this

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summer, the employment statistics reported on Friday punctured the ebullient mood of the credit markets.

Prices fell Friday by a point or more for all Treasury issues with maturities longer than five years, with 30-year bond prices dropping by 2 points to raise yields to 10.53 percent from 10.32 percent. Treasury bill rates rose more than a quarter of a percentage point in

The employment statistics — particularly the increase of 345,000 workers on non-farm payrolls — were seen as a sign that the economy was not so weak as expected, and that the Federal Reserve therefore had less immediate reason to ease monetary policy and encourage lower interest rates.

"It looks like we're not going to

get the discount rate cut so soon as some folks were betting, but a lot of people are still going to get their profits from this rally and there are been a lot of 'unloading' by traders and other speculators, one government securities dealer said.

Although the number of jobs in manufacturing declined for the fourth consecutive month, economists said the drop of 28,000 was not enough to offset the sharp gains in service employment. Analysts at R.H. Wrightson, a New York economic analysis firm, concluded that the employment data were "probably robust enough to keep Fed policy on hold awaiting further second-quarter data."

In the Treasury bond market, the bellwether 11 1/4-percent issue due in 2015 was offered at 106 1/4 to yield 10.53 percent, down from a peak of 109 30-32 to yield 10.17 percent in Wednesday morning's feverish trading, but still well above a May 30 quote of about 104 30-32 to yield 10.69 percent. On March 14, when interest rates were at about their highest levels of this year, the 11 1/4-percent bond was offered at 95 1/4 to yield 11.83 percent.

Rates on Treasury bills rose sharply as traders decided that overnight interest rates were not likely to fall immediately to 7 1/4 percent or less. The overnight rate for bank loans was slightly over 7 1/4 percent Friday, down from the 7.67 percent average for the last two weeks, but that decline was of little importance to traders who estimate that bill rates must be well above 7 percent as long as the overnight rate is above 7 1/4 percent.

By late in the day, three-month Treasury bills were bid at 7.17, up from 6.99 percent, while the six-month bill was bid at 7.29 percent, up from 7.01 percent.

Poll Finds Americans Distrust Business Executives

By Adam Clymer
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — For years, capitalists have been trusted far less than the free enterprise system they run, but much of the public's distrust was based on the principle of caveat emptor, or let the buyer beware.

Today, the distrust of corporate executives goes far deeper. The consensus is that most are not honest, that white-collar crime is frequent, that most such criminals get away with their crimes and that those who are convicted receive lenient punishment.

Those findings from the latest New York Times-CBS News Poll drew sharply conflicting reactions from business-watchers both inside and outside the corporate community.

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In the words of one former Penn Square employee: "In the past, we have had irresponsible borrowers, and in the past we have had irresponsible lenders, but what we had here is having to witness the consequences of in profusion, is the meeting, for the first time, of the irresponsible lender and the irresponsible borrower." It proves a cautionary tale for our times, if only we could figure out who was.

Mark Singer, an Oklahoman from Tulsa who is a staff writer on *The New Yorker*, where parts of "Funny Money" first appeared, tells the tale with wonderful verve. He concentrates not on the financial complexities of the catastrophe but on the colorful people involved. These range in hues of bizarre from William G. Patterson — the man at Penn Square in charge of oil and gas loans, who was affectionately known as "Monkeybrains" and whose idea of fun was to come to work in a cap with a duck on top of it or get into food-throwing fights over dinner — to Kenneth E. Tureaud, one of Penn Square's busier customers, whose "methodology" as one student of his career observes, was "very simple. He borrows money and he doesn't pay it back."

Eventually, the price of energy stepped going up, and the fun ended, at a cost of several billion dollars in bad debts and collapsing banks. With the crash, the spirit of Singer's story dies a little. It may simply be that the characters in his story are so excessively the sort of people that most of the rest of us are not, that we get curious to know a little more about them, and Singer never does get close to them. He only reports their hallucinations. One of them had a dream in which God hit him with a 2-by-4 for trying to outsmart reality.

Another was "not opposed to the idea of bombing the Panama Canal, if that's what it would take to interrupt supply routes." Yeah, bomb it," he said. "It'll take them Mexicans to figure out how to fix it." We never do get a firm grasp of them.

Or maybe it's that "Funny Money" trails off somewhat inconclusively, with two of the principals about to stand trial in Chicago for crimes against the pocketbook of the United States that were clearly more than the fault of any two individuals. Or maybe going up is just a lot more fun than coming down.

It doesn't really matter. As long as the swine is alive and the bubble is inflating, Singer's language swells appropriately. He has a satisfying gift for mimicry and an amusing sense of hyperbole. He speaks the American vernacular. He makes comic poetry of geology, oil technology and the art of turning liabilities into assets. He puts himself into the story just enough to infect us with the fun it is obviously having. One comes away from "Funny Money" more intoxicated than hung over, and looks forward to the future adventures that Singer will no doubt be having.

Christopher Lehmann-Haupt is on the staff of *The New York Times*.

Big Ben Clock Is Unwrapped

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — After 21 months under scaffolding, the last of the four clock faces on the Big Ben clocktower was unwrapped Wednesday. The neo-Gothic tower and the adjoining Houses of Parliament are undergoing a £25-million (about \$11.4-million) facelift. The cleaning and restoration which began in July 1981, will continue until 1990.

BRIDGE

Solution to Friday's Puzzle

SCRAM	TANG	HEMP	ERATO	EWER	OLIO
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HAMLET	ARRESTEE	IRIS EEL	WINTH	SMILE AND SMILE	
ASEA	ADE	PARR			
LINCOLNS	AMELIA				
TAD	DIN	EVEL			
ACCUSE	SODA	AND BEAVILLA IN			
RAID	RANK	NASAL			
ANTE	THEE	GRETA			
BAYS	YARD	EATEN			

hears, which failed by a trick, giving the North-South team 10 points in the transaction.

NORTH
♦ K ♠ Q ♣ A ♤ 7 5
Q ♠ K ♣ 8 2 3
A ♠ Q ♣ 6 5 4
J ♠ 9 8 7 6
J ♠ 9 8 7 6
SOUTH
♦ A ♠ 9 8 6 5 4
Q ♠ 10 9 7 5 3
A ♠ 10 9 7 5 3
K ♠ 10 9 7 6 4
K ♠ 10 9 7 6 4
WEST (D)
♦ K ♠ 10 7 4
Q ♠ 9 8 2
A ♠ 6 5 2
J ♠ 8 7 6 5
J ♠ 8 7 6 5
EAST
♦ A ♠ 9 8 7 6 5
Q ♠ 10 9 8 7 6 4
A ♠ 10 9 8 7 6 4
K ♠ 10 9 8 7 6 5
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Neither side was vulnerable. The bidding:
West: North: East: South:
3 ♠ Dbl. Pass 4 ♠
Pass Pass Pass
West led the diamond two.

A trump finesse would have worked with the actual distribution but might have given the defense a chance to establish a club trick before the diamond queen was driven out.

In the replay East-West bid to four spades, which would have been unbeatable. This pushed North-South to five.

The lead of the diamond dace was a conspicuous singleton. South won in dummy, led the heart king and followed with the jack. When East played low, the declarer had

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SPORTS

Lakers Beat Celtics By 111-100 to Win NBA Championship

By William R. Barnard

The Associated Press
BOSTON — The Los Angeles Lakers, with most valuable player Kareem Abdul-Jabbar leading the way as he did in every victory, ended a generation of futility against the Boston Celtics with a 111-100 victory Sunday that gave them their third National Basketball Association title since 1980.

The Lakers, who won this series 4-games-to-2, now have won nine NBA titles, taking four in Los Angeles and five in Minneapolis. But this was the first over the Celtics in nine meetings since 1959.

For Boston, the defeat broke a streak of never having lost a championship series at home. The Celtics are now 15-2 in NBA finals, the only previous series loss coming in 1958 at St. Louis.

The Celtics were trying to become the first team to repeat as champions since they did it in 1969. They were only the third defending champion in that span to make it back to the finals.

Abdul-Jabbar, who scored 121 points in the Lakers' four victories, got eight of his 29 points Sunday in the first 8½ minutes of the third quarter. In that span, the Lakers broke away from a tie at 57, the 20th tie of the game, for a 79-67 lead.

But just as the Celtics did in the fifth game, when they cut Los Angeles' 18-point lead to four before falling short, they rallied. The Celtics had closed to 82-73 by the end of the third period, then outscored the Lakers by 9-4 to start the fourth period, trimming the margin to 86-82 with 8:56 left.

Two free throws each by Abdul-Jabbar and James Worthy, who finished with 28 points, and a driving layup by Kurt Rambis rebuilt Los Angeles' advantage to 92-82 with fewer than seven minutes left to play and Boston got no closer than six the rest of the way.

Kevin McHale scored a career-playoff high 32 points for the Celtics before fouling out with 5:21 left. Larry Bird added 28, but had another frustrating shooting.

Abdul-Jabbar, at 38 the oldest player in the NBA, climaxed his big series with three straight baskets in the final minutes to give the Lakers an insurmountable lead at 109-97. Then, after a foul, he and Earvin "Magic" Johnson embraced in the free throw lane, certain in the knowledge that the years of frustration, particularly last season's seven-game defeat, had ended.

At the final buzzer, after the sell-out crowd of 14,890, which had exhorted the Celtics all game, gave both teams an ovation, the Lakers quickly left the floor.

Of the 16 consecutive teams who have not repeated as champions, the Celtics have gone further than

any other. Of the two other defending champions to reach the finals, the Washington Bullets lost by 4-1 to Seattle in 1979 and the Lakers lost by 4-0 by Philadelphia in 1981.

McHale scored 13 points and made five of his six shots in the first period, but the rest of the Celtics were 4-for-19 and Los Angeles led by 28-26 at the end of the quarter.

Boston missed seven of its first eight shots, but stayed close with several offensive rebounds and steals. Then McHale made three straight shots for the Celtics, each tying the score.

After Byron Scott and Danny Ainge traded jumper shots for a tie at 12, the fifth tie of the game, Los Angeles scored nine of the next 11 points, Worthy getting four, for a 21-14 advantage. That was the largest lead for either team in the first half. But the Celtics came right back with a 10-2 spurt, with two free throws by McHale giving them their first lead, 24-23.

Boston continued to shoot poorly in the second quarter but stayed close as the Lakers' running game failed to click. Early in the period, the Lakers misfired on three straight fast-break opportunities, then Abdul-Jabbar and Magic Johnson sat out the last 5:58 and 2:35 of the half, respectively, with three fouls each.

At halftime it was 55-55, the 13th tie of the second quarter and 19th of the half.

Friday night, Worthy made 13 of 17 shots and scored a career playoff high of 33 points right as the Lakers beat the Celtics, 120-111, in Ingleside, California. Abdul-Jabbar and Johnson joined Worthy with brilliant performances, Johnson getting 26 points and 17 assists while Abdul-Jabbar had 36 points and did a strong job defensively.

After McHale scored 16 points in the first 13 minutes of the game, the Lakers' coach, Pat Riley, switched Abdul-Jabbar to guarding McHale and Boston's center-forward scored only eight more points the rest of the way.

The switch put 6-foot-8 (2.03-meter) Rambis and the 6-10 Bob McAdoo on the Celtics' 7-0 center, Robert Parish, who went on to score 15 of his team-high 26 points in the second half.

Parish and Bird, who scored 18 of his 20 points in the second half, led a rally that cut the Lakers' 70-52 lead to four points five times in the fourth period. But the Lakers, who went scoreless in the first 3:43 of the final quarter, rediscovered their offense and scored every time their advantage was cut to four.

After Bird's two free throws made it 107-103 with 3:55 left, Abdul-Jabbar sank three shots in a 10-4 spurt that gave the Lakers a 117-107 lead with 1:21 remaining.



Chris Evert Lloyd raised arms in jubilation after hitting a winning shot in 6-3, 6-7, 7-5 defeat of Martina Navratilova.

Evert Triumphs in 'One of the Toughest Matches of My Life'

By Samuel Abt

International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Chris Evert Lloyd had not beaten Martina Navratilova in a Grand Slam tennis championship since 1982, but she made up for that dismal record Saturday by winning the French Open singles final in what Evert called "the toughest match of my life."

Evert, who was seeded No. 2, defeated Navratilova, the No. 1 seed and the defending champion, 6-3, 6-7 (4-7), 7-5. Evert came from 0-40 down on her serve, then broke Navratilova to win the last set.

"There are so many places I could point at and say, 'If I had won this, if I had won that,'" Navratilova said ruefully.

The most prominent was the game that gave Evert a 6-5 lead in the final set. As the champion

headed its third hour of play, Evert started her service by double faulting, flubbing the return of a passing shot, then hitting into the net.

At that point, Navratilova had won 11 of the last 13 points and was on the verge of the same comeback that let her win the second-set tiebreaker after she trailed 3-1 and 6-5.

But Evert pulled it down with the aid of a reflex return at the net that Navratilova just missed hitting back. Next, Evert smashed a backhand into the right corner that Navratilova could not reach, although she went sprawling. Finally, Navratilova netted a forehand.

They battled to a tie in the next game before Navratilova hit a ball over the baseline and Evert put a passing shot down her left-hand line for the championship.

"This was the closest, most suspenseful final we've played," said Navratilova, 28, of her long rivalry with Evert. "That covers a lot of time and territory, since they now have competed in 66 matches. Navratilova had won 34, and 17 of the 19 title matches, before Saturday's."

Evert's victory gave her the modern record for women in the French championship, with six. She won her first in 1974 and had shared the record of five with Margaret Court, Smith of Australia, although Suzanne Lenglen of France won six in the 1920s. Navratilova has won the title twice, most recently last year when she beat Evert, 6-3, 6-1.

"She blew me off the court last year," Evert recalled.

Neither player dominated this time. The match, although spectacular, was erratic, even sloppy in

spots, as service was lost 17 times, 9 by Navratilova, 8 by her serve. "My serve failed me. I don't know where my serve is, but it's not here, it's not in France. I can't lose my serve nine times and win a match."

Had she lost, Evert said, "I would have been depressed about tennis. Martina's been so dominant and I've been thinking about retiring, so this victory came at a good time."

"I was getting beat pretty badly by her last year and this year it's been closer. It all depends on your confidence."

Speaking of confidence, she said, "I wasn't very confident when I was down 0-40. I kept telling myself to hang in there because I sensed she was a little nervous too. I'm proud of how I hung in there. On paper, I lost the match."

Navratilova, but she added that her problem had been her serve. "My serve failed me. I don't know where my serve is, but it's not here, it's not in France. I can't lose my serve nine times and win a match."

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The crisp, windy day alternated between hot when the sun was out and quite cool when it was covered by dark clouds, but neither player chased overmuch about conditions on the red clay court.

"I couldn't go too close to the lines because of the wind," said

linesman called the final point wide. He walked to the spot where the ball had landed, apparently agreed with the call, and continued walking off the court, apparently to go to the bathroom.

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SCOREBOARD

Baseball

Friday's and Saturday's Major League Line Scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

DEBELL, 2 HR, 6 RBIs; 2-1, 5-2, 10

TORONTO, 2 HR, 6 RBIs; 2-1, 5-2, 10

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LANGUAGE

A Toast to 'White Bread'

By William Safire
WASHINGTON — Describing the effect of softened violence in a movie called "The Dirty Dozen: Next Mission," John Corry, a New York Times television critic, wrote, "It may be a white bread war."

Explaining his desire to reach a solid, middle-class audience for his version of the musical play "The King and I," Larry Miller of Corinthian Communications said: "We wanted white-bread Middle America."

This new adjective has puzzled David Cole of Norwalk, Connecticut. "It looks like these fellows are trying to enrich the language. This use of *white bread* (with or without the hyphen) as an adjective suggests some variations: *pure bread politics in Lebanon; pumpkin-like styling of a Volkswagen; unseaworn advice from an attorney. In all seriousness, from whence cometh *white bread* as a modifier?"*

Although *white* means *from where* and does not take a redundant *from*, the question is otherwise well taken. The new adjective was launched in the 1960s.

Maclean's, magazine, in a 1968 interview with Norman Mailer, quoted the novelist's distaste of a "white-bread mentality" he associated with the baby-care ideas of Dr. Benjamin Spock. In 1977, *Newsweek* described the entertainer Richard Pryor, who is black, as walking off the stage in Las Vegas "led up with *white bread* humor." A year later, the magazine praised Norman Lear's television series "All in the Family" for going "beyond what the trade called 'white bread and mayonnaise' — and the customers happily lapped it up."

The definition of the hyphenated compound adjective *white-bread*, from most of those usages, seems to be "bland." The lexicographer Sol Steinmetz, however, takes it a couple of layers deeper: "Used figuratively and chiefly as an adjective, *white bread* is one of the most subtle and suggestive terms of disparagement to have appeared in recent years." Emphasizing that its core meaning is "belonging to or reflecting the values of American white society," Steinmetz points to the way the word suggests the soft, flavorless richness of the supermarket staple. "In slang, *bread* means

'money, affluence, and white-bread' is also a pun on *white-bread*."

The term has an earlier history in waiters' lingo: in a restaurant, *white bread* was long the code reference to the boss. When an employee whispered "Eighty-six on the free warts — white bread," it meant "Be on your guard, do not dispense extra olives in the martinis, the owner is here." (*Eighty-six* was an American adaptation of cockney rhyming slang, rhyming with *six, and warts are olives.*)

A PEJORATIVE adjective slights, belittles, disparages and deprecates the noun it modifies. For example, *weak* is pejorative (from the Old English *wec* for "yielding" or "feeble"); nobody likes a weak person or weak coffee.

The opposite of *pejorative* is *aggrandizing, exulting, or laudatory*. For example, *strong* is a laudatory word we all admire strong leaders.

What, then, do we do when *strong* becomes pejorative and *weak* is not all that bad? Consider the dollar.

Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Democrat of New York, was interviewing the difficulties of a "white-bread mentality" he associated with the baby-care ideas of Dr. Benjamin Spock. In 1977, *Newsweek* described the entertainer Richard Pryor, who is black, as walking off the stage in Las Vegas "led up with *white bread* humor." A year later, the magazine praised Norman Lear's television series "All in the Family" for going "beyond what the trade called 'white bread and mayonnaise' — and the customers happily lapped it up."

The trouble with the Moynihan solution is that *overpriced* and *undersupplied* are as value-laden as *strong* and *weak*; needed are words of comparison, neutral or at least fair-seeming, that describe the status of the dollar in relation to other currencies.

TRY HIGH AND LOW. "The dollar was high today against the franc," "the value of the dollar lowered today," while *rupees* and *zlahtins* soared." Unlike *strong*, the word *high* is not always unassailably good, and though *low* is not a good word for most moods, it is a happy description of tensions and temperances.

With his notoriety and his cre-

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The Deliverance

Of James Dickey

By Sam Hodges
United Press International

COLUMBIA, South Carolina — Most everyone here tells a James Dickey story. This is storytelling country, and Dickey, to say the least, is a character. He is in his 16th year here.

Dickey returned to the University of South Carolina one day last spring from a grueling round of poetry readings. He sat behind a desk and tried to concentrate on teaching his creative writing class.

Suddenly his nose began to bleed. This was no trifle. This was, by nosebleed standards, a gusher. Dickey moved a hand up and got it wet with blood.

A student recalls thinking the poet would surely reach for a handkerchief or leave the room to clean up. Instead, Dickey took his other hand and rubbed hard around his nose. Then he held two red hands out to his cringing students.

"Don't say I never bled for you," he yelled, triumphant. Dickey, 62, may not literally bleed for his students, but they speak admiringly of him. They concede his eccentricities. They concede his legendary ego. Neither gets in the way of his teaching, they say.

Dickey is perhaps the best-known contemporary American poet who is regarded seriously by literary critics. He won the National Book Award for poetry in 1966. Four years later he published "Deliverance," a best-selling novel that became a popular film. He was twice named consultant in poetry to the Library of Congress. And he has written original, provocative literary criticism in what is called the post-modernist tradition.

He has also been something of a celebrity. He did guest spots on the Johnny Carson show, the Bill Buckley show, the Dick Cavett show. He had a bit part as backwoods sheriff in the film of "Deliverance." At Jimmy Carter's request, he wrote and read "The Strength of Fields" as a presidential inaugural poem in 1977.

With his notoriety and his cre-

dentials as poet, Dickey could probably pick his spot as writer-in-residence. But instead of the Ivy League he chose the University of South Carolina, a school struggling to improve its academic reputation. He is in his 16th year here.

In James Dickey we have a world-class writer, a poet whom many judges regard as America's greatest living poet," said Matthew Bruccoli, professor of English at South Carolina and author of books on F. Scott Fitzgerald. "It's good for our students to be exposed to genius."

Dickey comes to the campus twice a week to teach classes in poetry and creative writing. He's an impressive sight: as big as a linebacker, though the weight settled decades ago. To a recent class he wore a floppy cloth hat, a white t-shirt with yellow sleeves, a Northwestern University windbreaker, faded blue jeans, two watches (one set at Greenwich time and one at Eastern time, to better determine his place in the cosmos), and, encased in clear plastic and hung around his neck, hawk feathers given him by a Montana Indian.

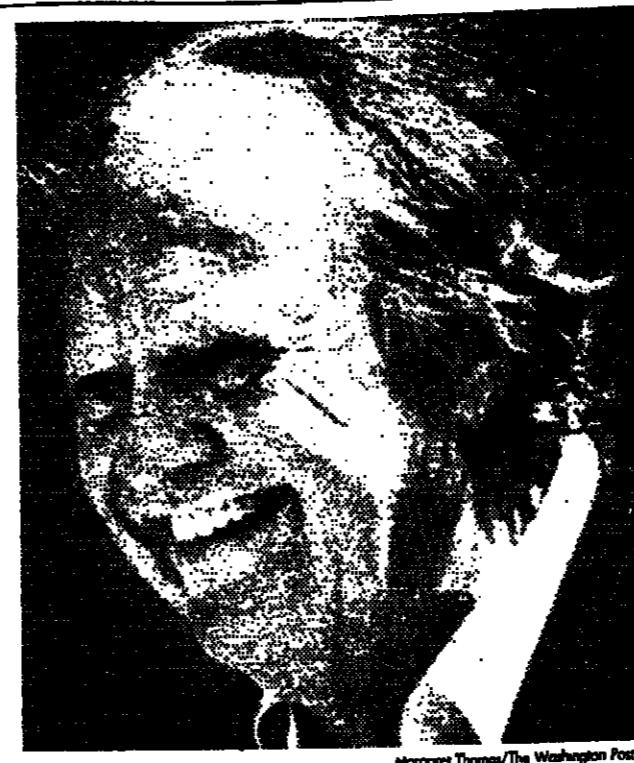
His voice prompts attention, too. Brought up in Atlanta, he is draw-intrigued Southern, prone to adding unnecessary vowels and dropping essential consonants. He says "y'all" often, and convincingly.

Dickey is known for his self-confidence. On his office wall hangs a photograph of a water moccasin he says he killed with a blow dart. "Deliverance," partly autobiographical, concerns hunting with a bow and canoeing through rapids. Dickey played football briefly at Clemson, and flew bombing missions in the Korean War and World War II.

As for self-confidence, consider this: Dickey once wrote a knowing poem entitled "Adultery" and included it in a volume dedicated to his first wife. And here's Dickey on "Deliverance."

"I read it again the other day. Liked it. It's very good."

But Dickey rarely mentions in class his work or his friendships



Margaret Thomas/The Washington Post

Author Dickey: Bleeding for his students.

with well-known writers. He gave a lecture recently on the late poet W.H. Auden, and only afterwards, when questioned, did he concede he knew Auden "fairly well" in New York.

He has attracted several noted visiting writers to the campus. The British poet Stephen Spender substituted for him one term. William Styron and Robert Penn Warren both visited the campus at his request. Each year Dickey helps assemble a writers' series that may not be, as he insists, "the equal to any in the world," but is impressive nonetheless. The fiction writers John Barth and Peter Taylor came this year.

Dickey — who published his first book at age 37, after a promising career in advertising — remains prolific. He writes poems, essays and fiction. He wrote the copy for two large illustrated books: one about the South and one based on the Bible. He wrote the script for a television program on Jack London. His second children's book is scheduled for publication this fall.

And then there's the second novel, "Alumniland," named after a star in the constellation Orion, is now at 1,050 pages. Dickey says he's got another 350 pages to go. He admits his work habits are peculiar. "The whole house is

boobytrapped with typewriters," he said. "Each one has something different in it. I'll walk by one of them and maybe sit down and work for 30 minutes. I don't sit hour after hour. The sedentary aspect of writing has never appealed to me. I'm an active person."

He's clearly invigorated by his new family. His first wife, Maxine, died in 1979. He married Deborah Dodson about two months later and they have a four-year-old daughter, Bronwen.

Richard Calhoun, professor of English and the author of two books on Dickey, said Dickey's reputation with literary critics began to decline in the 1970s. Dickey began to experiment, Calhoun said, writing longer pieces that contrasted with the shorter, more lyrical poems that caught the critics' attention initially.

Calhoun also said some critics objected to Dickey's personality.

"They've taken Dickey as a show-off, as an anti-intellectual, which he's not," Calhoun said. "He's never really been accepted in New York and Boston. It's not their type."

No such bias against Dickey exists in Columbia. Here, Dickey is a source of pride — and stories.

MOSCOW POSTCARD

'Brrreak' Dancing? Da

By Andrew Rosenthal
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — From the dim recesses of a darkened auditorium, someone shouts "brrreak."

A drummer dressed in black throws himself to the stage and begins to spin, gyrate and flip head over heels. Nearby, a guitarist jerks his body in a series of mechanical, robot-like gestures.

"Break dancing" and "freeze dancing" — crazes that have swept the West in recent years — made their public debut in Moscow recently to the wild applause of about 4,000 concertgoers.

The evening also included Beatles songs, electric jazz and numbers by contemporary rock groups.

The entire program was performed by the popular band Arsenal, whose middle-aged leader, Alexei Kozlov, is known for musical innovation, despite occasional resistance from unenthusiastic Soviet authorities.

Modern dance, music and clothing styles are slow to gain official acceptance, but somehow seep into Soviet society through back channels that include tapes, smuggled videos and incoming tourists.

So when Arsenal began its five-day engagement at the Druzhba (Friendship) Universal Hall of Sports, the audience recognized the tunes after just a few bars.

The crowd applauded and cheered, stamping their feet in time to the music. But it was a restrained concert by Western standards, and after the concert, the mood quickly reverted to a more somber pitch.

As the audience left the stands, a sweet, amplified woman's voice said over and over: "Good night, dear comrades. The workers of the Druzhba sports hall wish you health, success in labor and a good journey home."

'Vargas Girls' Drawings

Shown in San Francisco

United Press International

SAN FRANCISCO — The Vargas girls, drawings of alluring beauties that graced *Esquire*, *Playboy*, calendars and GI footlockers, have won recognition as art.

An exhibit of about 100 originals by the Peruvian-born artist Alfredo Vargas has opened at the San Francisco Art Exchange. For American soldiers in the 1940s, the Vargas girls in *Esquire* and *Playboy* were the fantasy symbol of the sex and beauty awaiting them at home. The exhibit of drawings, watercolors and Vargas memorabilia is the first such display of the work of the artist, who died in 1982.

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